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By Order of the Committee,
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The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Shanghai Club, will be held in the Club House TO-DAY, March 10, 1939, at 5.30 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,
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THE SHANGHAI CLUB.
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NOTICE

The Hungarian Community is hereby informed that there will be a celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of the Provincial House of the Sisters of Charity, No. 149 Avenue Dubail in observation of the National Holiday of March 15. All Hungarians and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

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Shanghai, March 10, 1939.
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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 15 to March 21, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Shanghai, March 10, 1939.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 20 Canton Road, Shanghai, on Tuesday, March 28, 1939, at 11.45 a.m., to receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a Dividend, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors and to transit other ordinary business.

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Shanghai, March 9, 1939.
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To-day's Events

MARCH

10 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
10 'Specials,' 5th Annual Ball, Ciro's, 9.15
10 Club Hippique International 'Club Ball,' French Club, 10
10 Japanese Army Day
10 Tael Abolished (1933)

Coming Events

MARCH

11 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
11 Le Ballet Russe, 'Le Coq d'Or,' Lyc., 9
12 Modernist Art Exhibition, Titiana Perfilieff, Cathay Hotel Ballroom, 10-6
12 Ballet Russe, 'Le Coq d'Or,' Lyc., 2.15
12 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
12 Le Ballet Russe, 'Le Coq d'Or,' Lyc., 9
13 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
13 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
13 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' Lyceum, 9.15, Grand Gala Performance.
14 For. Y. Lecture: 'The Engineer and Crises,' 9
14 A.W.C. Literary Dept. program., 4.45
14 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' Lyceum, 9.15
15 Royal Empire Society cocktail party, Masonic Hall, 6.30-8
16 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
16 B.W.A. Musical and Dramatic Section Concert and Tea, 4.30
16 For. Y. Debate: 'Sword Mightier Than Pen,' 9
17 Y.W.C.A. Musical Tea, 5
17 St. Patrick's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
18 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' special matinee, Lyceum, 3
18 Shanghai United Hockey Club Annual Ball, Foreign Y.M.C.A., 8
20 Grand Sacred Concert, Community Ch., 9
21 International (Y.W.C.A.) Business Girls' Dinner, A.W.C., 6.30
21 Vladimir Havsky in a Piano Concert at the Lyceum, 9
21 For. Y. Lecture: 'Social Responsibility of the Engineer,' 9
22 S.S.P.C.A. Bridge/Mahjongg, AWC, 3
22 German A.D.C. 'Parkstrasze 13,' Lyceum, 9
22 1st Annual Dinner Dance, Missouri Society of China, Farren's Nursery
23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
23 Western (Extra-Settlement) Association ann. gen. meeting, 27 The Bund, 5
23 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
23 V. Valin's gala performance, 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera by F. Lehar, Lyc., 8.45
23 B.U.S.C. Lecture by Dr. Blakelock on 'Immunity' at 114 Peking Road, at 6
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Social Service vs. Faith,' 9
24 'A' Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dance, C.S.F
25 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
25 'The 12 Jolly Ones,' songs, dance and humour, American Women's Club, 3
26 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
29 Union Ch. ann. mtg. and supper, 7.30
30 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
30 For. Y. Debate: 'Machine Enslaves Mankind,' 9
31 S'hai R.U.F.C. Dance, Country Club.
31 Ex-Gunners' Dinner, Cockpit
31 B.U.S.C. Social, Dome, 8.30

APRIL

1 Oxford & Cambridge Society Dinner
5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club
6 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
7 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9

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Proxies to be valid must be lodged with the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the Meeting.

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BY ORDER OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.
L. J. HUGHES,
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Shanghai, March 4, 1939.
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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 7 to March 10, 1939, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from March 13 and March 17, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Scientific Analysis Required

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—With all due deference to RANK AND FILE and what his nom-de-plume implies I am amazed that in these enlightened times even a Socialist can say "Capitalism in its present form cannot be looked upon with good grace unless it is prepared to modify its attitude and act generously towards the welfare of the people." As well expect a python to modify its attitude towards a rabbit.

As far as I have learnt no dominating class has ever relinquished its power to an opposition class without the bitterest resistance. But perhaps your correspondent may be able to quote a historical precedent for such a miracle.

Almost a century ago Marx laid down on scientific lines the natural laws on which historical movements are actuated. His words ring true today:

The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles. Freeman and slave, patrician and plebian, lord and serf, guildmaster and journeyman, in a word, oppressor and oppressed, stood in constant opposition to one another, carried on uninterrupted, now hidden, now open fight, a fight that each time ended, either in a revolutionary reconstitution of society at large, or in the common ruin of the contending classes.

The bourgeoisie, whenever it has got the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal, patriarchal, idyllic relations. It has pitilessly torn asunder the motely feudal ties that bound man to his "natural superiors," and has left no other nexus between man and man than naked self-interest, than callous "cash payment." It has drowned the most heavenly ecstasies of religious fervour, of chivalrous enthusiasm, of Philistine sentimentalism, in the icy water of egotistical calculation.

The bourgeoisie has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honoured and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science, into its paid wage labourers.

Modern bourgeois society with its relations of production, of exchange and of property, a society that has conjured up such gigantic means of production and of exchange, is like the sorcerer, who is no longer able to control the powers of the nether world whom he has called up by his spells.

For many a decade past, the history of industry and commerce is but the history of the revolt of modern productive forces against modern conditions of production, against the property relations that are the conditions for the existence of the bourgeoisie and of its rule. It is enough to mention the commercial crises that by their periodical return put on its trial, each time more threateningly, the existence of the entire bourgeois society. In these crises a great part not only of the existing products, but also of the previously created productive forces, are periodically destroyed. In these crises there breaks out an epidemic that, in all earlier epochs, would have seemed an absurdity—the epidemic of overproduction. Society suddenly finds itself put back into a state of momentary barbarism; it appears as if a famine, a universal war of devastation, had cut off the supply of every means of subsistence; industry and commerce seem to be destroyed; and why? The productive forces at the disposal of society no longer tend to further the development of the conditions of the bourgeois property; on the contrary, they have become too powerful for these conditions by which they are fettered, and as soon as they overcome these fetters they bring disorder into the whole of bourgeois society, endanger the existence of bourgeois property.

The conditions of bourgeois society are too narrow to comprise the wealth created by them. And how does the bourgeois get over these crises? On the one hand by the enforced destruction of a mass of productive forces; on the other, by the conquest of new markets, and by the more thorough exploitation of the old ones. That is to say, by paving the way for more extensive and more destructive crises, and by diminishing the means whereby crises are prevented.

JACK CADE.

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

Gallant Race Pony:
Stable Companion's End

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I read in a recent issue of that gallant race pony Silkylight and of his passing away in Hongkong after a sudden illness. While his death is a matter to be much regretted, it is comforting to know that he did not share the fate of at least one of his one-time stablemates, Icylight, which I discovered some time ago living under appalling conditions in a Shanse Road livery stable from where he pulled a public carriage on those days when his lameness was not too apparent. Again visiting the stable I found that he had been sent to a Chinese slaughter house where the method of despatching is as cruel as it is possible to conceive. Surely these gallant little beasts which afford so much pleasure to their owners on the race track, the hunting field or as hacks, are worthy of a better fate.

HORSEY.

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

The Giant Panda:
Plentiful or Rare?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—With regard to MR. SOWERBY'S letter of March 6, I merely took Mr. F. T. Smith's supposed quotation of 400,000 pandas in "The Times" as having been incorrectly reported (which might happen in any country), besides the fact that during any of my conversations he always discussed matters in a very frank and truthful manner, which gave me reasons for this confidence.

It occurs to me now, however, that when he gave figures of the panda colony existing in Tibet and Western China he was speaking generally of the real panda, which is the small catlike animal with a long ringed tail, the size of an ordinary cat in comparison with the great or giant panda which reaches 300 lb and over, so much discussed presently and supposed to be a rare animal. In the case of the small panda, there may be many thousands of them, and I fancy this is so, while Mr. Smith may have found in the further West China and Tibet areas explored by him later on that the great or giant panda was not so scarce as first believed to be. At any rate I feel he is presently entitled to the benefit of the doubt instead of, apparently, being condemned or attacked either for exaggerating, bluffing, or leg-pulling.

To follow up further the numbers of the small catlike panda, a well-known skin packer here tells me that innumerable small panda skins were generally found in shipments of small racoon skins which inspectors had to assort and repack and thus eliminate the inferior small panda skins.

The great or giant panda was formerly known as the coon-bear of Tibet many years ago, and while it differs in many respects from the bear family, racoon, and small panda, each of them appear to have the same common ancestor, the small panda being its nearest relative. At the same time I recognize that MR. SOWERBY, with his wealth of knowledge, knows all about its external and internal anatomy and much, but not all, of its wild life and history as well.

A. J. RICHARDSON.

Shanghai, Mar 9.

Miss Tomaszewska:
Another Appreciation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Miss Wincia Tomaszewska's concert at the A.W.C. on Monday night was indeed a delightful affair to all music-lovers. Having attended her piano recital for the first time I was indeed overwhelmed at the excellence of her musical attainment. Needless to say that every part of the programme was excellently presented. Nevertheless, it was the 12th Rhapsody of Liszt that completely carried one's soul to spheres beyond human imagination. Her interpretation of this rhapsody could not have been bettered; one really felt with all one's heart that the young pianist put her entire soul into it and fully understood the composer's inspirational mood. Wincia Tomaszewska is one of those rare musicians who present to the listeners the works of the great masters, thoroughly understanding the soul of the creator, at the same time vibrating in each accord with her own emotions.

LISTENER.

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

Release of Mr. F. Poletti

Held by Guerillas for 40 Days Captive Gives Details of Experiences; Returns With Ransom

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

THE chief topic of interest in Peiping preceding the China New Year was the sudden and somewhat unexpected return of Mr. Frank Poletti, Peiping Postal Commissioner, after 40 days captivity in the Western Hills. The strangest part of the story is that he brought back with him $10,000 ransom money that had been handed over a few days after his capture.

Mr. Poletti must have a very strong constitution, for, despite the harrowing experiences he had undergone, he looked wonderfully fit. He had a good colour and was a little stouter, which was remarkable seeing that about a week previously he had gone on hunger strike for four days, in the hope of forcing his release.

Mr. Poletti, it will be remembered, was captured, January 8, during a picnic with a friend at the Ming Tombs. On the way they had passed through the small town of Changpingchow where he was stopped by sentries of the Japanese garrison who on hearing he was on his way to the Tombs told him it was all right. While the party were lunching, they were surrounded by a group of very excited Chinese who were letting off their rifles in all directions.

They seized hold of all the members of the party, searched them and took away their valuables. They refused to listen to Mr. Poletti's explanations and behaved in a most threatening manner, saying that he was one of the cursed Japanese who were robbing their country. They then bound his arms tightly behind his back, blindfolded him, and dragged him off amid a shower of blows to the hills. His companion was later on sent back.

Visited by an Official

At the first halting-place that night he was put in a small room with several Chinese prisoners. A man dressed in civilian clothes, Liu by name, who appeared to be some kind of official and a person of some authority, came and visited him. As he appeared to be more reasonable than the others, Mr. Poletti was able to explain to him that he was not a Japanese but an Italian. This did not help matters very much, for the official thereupon said angrily "That's just as bad. The Italians are our enemies too and have been helping the Japanese." Mr. Poletti then went on to explain that he was a Postal official who had worked over 30 years for the Chinese Government. "Well then, you must be a traitor," replied the other. "For you were appointed by the Kuomintang Government, and are now working for the Japanese." Anyhow, this conversation appears, at least, to have had the result of deferring his immediate execution as a hated Japanese; and his captors thoughts turned to the question of ransom.

He was told that he would have to find $200,000. Mr. Poletti protested that he was a poor man, an official on a fixed monthly salary. But he was told to shut up and at pistol point wrote a note to friends in Peiping asking them to send out a sum of money by the chauffeur and boy, who were sent down with the message, leaving the mafoo in his master's company. The instructions given were to send the money to a rendezvous in a certain village, where the prisoner would be set free, if the ransom proved satisfactory. But on Tuesday the two men turned up again, having foolishly handed over the money ($10,000) direct to the kidnappers. So the money was gone, and Mr. Poletti still remained a prisoner.

Bandits Remain on Hills

The band kept on the move all the time. They stuck well to the upper levels of the hills, never descending into the valleys, if they could avoid it, and camped at a different place each night, some isolated mountain farmhouse or lonely shepherd's hut. Accommodation was therefore of the poorest: ice-cold rooms, in a very dilapidated condition, often without paper over the windows; but whenever possible Mr. Poletti was given a room to himself. It got dark in the hills by 4 p.m., and the long winter nights were a terrible ordeal for the infortunate prisoner who had nothing whatever to do, but meditate on the unpleasant fate that might be in store for him.

The food, too, left everything to be desired; it consisted solely of very coarse badly-cooked millet and salt vegetables. But this was not due to any ill-will on the part of his captors, but to the fact that they themselves were at times hard put to find supplies, and shared what they had with their prisoners. On one or two very rare occasions they even presented him with a scraggy chicken. Only twice during the whole term of his captivity did the supplies reach him that had been sent from Peiping.

The greatest torture of all that he had to undergo, said Mr. Poletti, was when he was made to attend the executions of some of the Chinese prisoners. Why his captors should have inflicted this on him, is hard to understand, seeing that he was to be finally released. Nor could it have been for purposes of hastening the ransom, as he was not allowed to correspond with Peiping. It can only have been due to a kind of sadistic pleasure, not entirely unknown among that brutal type of Chinese.

Execution of Traitors

These prisoners were Chinese who had been captured during raids in the plain and were accused of being traitors, because they had actually worked for the Japanese themselves or their relatives had done so. Those who were proved direct traitors were executed; the others were held to heavy ransom, on payment of which they were released, but only under a strict system of guarantees. The prisoners were tried by a proper tribunal, on which the above-metioned official Liu sat. At all the camps there was a constant stream of messengers arriving and leaving, at all hours of the day and night, and there was seemingly considerable correspondence and collaboration with other guerilla groups.

The men in the group that captured Mr. Poletti wore some kind of uniform or other, though they varied greatly. Many of them were wearing Japanese great-coats and trench helmets, had Japanese rifles, field-glasses and trench periscopes. They kept up a modicum of military discipline, specially in placing sentries, whose spell of duty was fixed by the burning of an incense-stick. On several occasions he heard the sound of gunfire not so very far away.

Once, indeed, the Japanese came within a mile or so, and his captors told him threateningly that they would shoot him, if they had to run for it. But he saw no guerillas killed or wounded during the 40 days he was with them. Mr. Poletti did not believe that his captors belonged to the 8th Route Army; that name was never mentioned in his presence. All he heard them call themselves was Yuchitui (Flying Squads).

After Mr. Poletti's return the local Press gave special prominence to statements as to the maltreatment of the local inhabitants by the guerillas. My talk with Mr. Poletti himself failed to obtain any confirmation of this. In any case, he could have seen very little of it, for, as was stated above, the band never descended into the valleys and never passed through or camped at any village the whole time.

Then again, although they commandeered the stocks of grain in the isolated hill farmhouses, the guerillas either paid for it or returned it later to the owners, when they found larger stocks than they required elsewhere. The hill people were made to carry messages; this they did not like. But it seems a very minor hardship for wartime.

Captive Released

The end came quite suddenly, when Mr. Poletti was curtly informed that he was free and could go, when he liked. He did not leave at once, but waited for the guerillas to escort him to the Nankow Pass. Before he left they handed him back $10,000 that had been paid them, as also his camera and other belongings. Strange bandits these! Mr. Poletti tells a story of how he persuaded his captors to return him the money. Somewhere in the pass Mr. Poletti said good-bye—one can well imagine without any regrets whatever—to his unwelcome hosts and hiring donkeys at the first place he came to, hastened with his faithful mafoo towards Peiping.

The three days march by himself through guerilla country and through the Japanese lines was not without its peculiar dangers. For with all that money on him he was a tempting bait to any other band he might fall in with, or might have been arrested as a spy by the Japanese. By avoiding all main paths, however, motor roads and military posts Mr. Poletti managed to find his way back to safety. His view is that stories such as "Forty Days in the Hands of Chinese Bandits" are very pleasant to read about, but extremely unpleasant to experience in one's own person.

I asked Mr. Poletti whether he could suggest any other reason for the unique behaviour of Chinese bandits in returning the ransom money. He shrugged his shoulders, and then suggested that perhaps the threats or blandishments of the Japanese and Italian negotiators might have caused the change of heart. That might just possibly account for his being released unharmed, but is surely no explanation for the return of ransom money that was already paid to them.

Other Reasons Given

Two other reasons have been given. One is that it was due to the intervention of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, in order to prove to the Japanese the strength of his influence. If that were so, one would have expected that it would have been given every possible publicity, instead of being kept a dead secret. Moreover this report comes from very doubtful sources.

The other suggestion is that the guerillas were acting on the direct orders of the Central Government in Chungking. Favouring this view is the fact that it was known here several weeks ago already, that both the Post Office Administration here and also the Italians had appealed to the Chinese Government to obtain his release. Moreover, about a fortnight prior to Mr. Poletti's release it was being stated in certain circles in close touch with the affair that the Chungking Government had issued orders that he was to be set free. It must be said that this does seem to be the most reasonable explanation of an otherwise unique occurrence in the history of Chinese kidnapping.

Loyalists' Partisans Riot in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Mar. 7.

Emergency squads of city police tonight were compelled to use tear gas to break up a riot in front of the local theater where Miss Alleen O'Brien, formerly a nurse with the Nationalist Army in Spain, was delivering a speech under the auspices of Catholic organizations of Los Angeles.

Organizations sympathetic with the Loyalist faction in Spain attempted to discourage attendance at the meeting by stationing approximately 250 pickets in front of the building, where they attempted to interfere with ticket holders on their way to their seats. Numerous fist fights resulted from this interference and three persons were injured.—United Press.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 10, 1869

We regret to learn the loss, on November 26, of the British barque Syringa, Captain Brown, bound from Newcastle, N.S.W. to Shanghai with coal. The Syringa encountered a severe typhoon in the vicinity of the Marshall Group, was dismasted and drifted ashore on one of the small islands of the group, becoming a wreck. The captain and crew were taken off after being on the island two days, by the Water Lily, which called there for purposes of trade, and taken to the Island of Ascension. The captain came on here in the Water Lily, which arrived Sunday.

EVANGELICAL churches in Saxony, Mecklenburg and Anhalt, as has the evangelical church of Thuringia, have promulgated rules by which Jews are no longer to be entitled to church membership. Church taxes will henceforth not be collected from Jews who became church members prior to the issuance of the new rules.

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A Fantastic Story Of an Ultimatum

Diplomatic Correspondent's Libel Action Against Newspaper Proprietor

A libel action by Mr. Vladimir Poliakoff, a diplomatic correspondent, against Mr. Edward Richard Pountney, proprietor and printer of the "Daily Worker," was settled before Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord in the King's Bench Division on February 13.

Mr. Philip Vos, K.C. (for Mr. Poliakoff) said the plaintiff acted for many newspapers in Europe and the United States, and, as his work entailed frequent contacts with leading politicians and diplomats his ability to carry on his work depended on his reputation.

The "Daily Worker" on February 23 last year published an article headed: "Ultimatum to Britain: Grim New Light on Surrender." It referred to the resignation of Mr. Eden as Foreign Secretary and the decision of the Government to proceed with negotiations for an Anglo-Italian treaty. The article alleges that, when the Prime Minister made a statement in the House of Commons on February 21 in regard to the relations between this country and Italy, he was acting under threat of an ultimatum delivered to him by Mr. Poliakoff, acting on behalf of Signor Mussolini. That ultimatum, it was stated, had been delivered by Mr. Poliakoff to the Prime Minister in the course of a telephone conversation on February 17.

Mr. Poliakoff was alleged to have informed the Prime Minister that, unless the British Government, by midnight on February 18, decided to proceed with the negotiations for the conclusion of a treaty, Signor Mussolini would break off negotiations and throw his weight into an Italian-German-Japanese war drive against the democracies.

Needless to say, proceeded Mr. Vos, there was no truth in that remarkable story. On the other hand, having regard to his position as a leading diplomatic correspondent and to the fact that he was a naturalized Englishman, Mr. Poliakoff was bound to take action about a statement which reflected so gravely upon his loyalty.

Victim of Clever Hoax

Mr. Pountney, counsel added, had published an unqualified withdrawal of the allegations made, as well as an apology. He had also disclosed to Mr. Poliakoff the source of the information upon which the fantastic story was published. He had satisfied Mr. Poliakoff that he was the victim of a clever hoax. In the circumstances Mr. Poliakoff did not feel justified in demanding the substantial damages which he would have been entitled to claim. Mr. Pountney had agreed to pay costs.

Mr. G. O. Slade (for Mr. Pountney) repeated the apology, saying that as soon as Mr. Pountney discovered that he had been misinformed he took the proper steps. He wished to acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Poliakoff in disposing of the matter on the terms that had been agreed.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord said Mr. Pountney, having realized the error into which he had been led, had done the best he could in the circumstances.

Commons Discuss Work Of British Council

Spread of English Language And Culture Stressed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 7.

The important work of spreading a knowledge of the English language, of English thought and English institutions, carried on by the British Council, was referred to by Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons today.

A vote for a grant of £27,000 was submitted on the supplementary estimates.

Mr. Butler mentioned that extra teachers were necessary in Athens for the School of English Studies, where there were 5,000 applicants for courses.—Reuter.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Feb. 5.

With the return of the Royal Family to London, one of the Queen's first cares, so the gossip writers tell us, was to inspect the bomb-proofed shelters and gas-proofed collars in Buckingham Palace. Then in the afternoon she took her daughters to see a pantomime, which is much pleasanter to read about. I don't know whether the first item is meant as a stimulating example to loyal subjects to go and do likewise. But, with all respect, there is a very wide difference between Buckingham Palace and a four-roomed villa when it comes to giving up one room for gas proofing. The Society columnists have a way of writing about Royalty which often makes one wish it were loyal to be a decent Bolshevik.

Also everyone is getting a little fed up on A.R.P. about which there are floods of talk but nothing definitely emerging. This week we were visited by an air warden who told us how many evacuated children we are to take in if the need arises. Several questions immediately arise. Are the children guaranteed free from disease, vermin and criminal instincts? If they fall ill or hurt themselves, who is responsible? And, where adults are evacuated, are they to do their own cooking, and, if so, with their own utensils or whose? No one living in a safety zone would refuse help to those less well placed. But these are vital questions in the running of a small house, where the servants will infallibly walk out as the evacuees walk in, and answers to them are being urgently implored. But the official voice is silent.

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Paris Fashion News

For some days past all the fashion experts have been in Paris learning what is to be worn this year. The biggest attraction has been a show by a young Spanish designer, Cristobal Balenciaga. Men and women are said to have fought for an entrance like a football crowd. Balenciaga, an exile from Spain owing to the war, has been making history in Paris with the originality of his designs and he certainly gave the crowd something to stare at. There were evening dresses with bustles of enormous satin bows into which the skirts behind were gathered up to stand out several inches, wasp waist dresses with the hips widened out by wire frames—but are we to tight lace again?—and striped silk stockings with pink and black zebra stripes going round the legs.

Even without going such lengths as this, some of the designs are daring enough. In spite of Royal regulations for Courts, backless, strapless, self-supporting evening frocks are still to be worn elsewhere. Some are described as having little more for the body than a front, heart-shaped at the top. If you shy at these, you may go to the other extreme with dresses which reach right to the neck both front and back, but have no sleeves. Trains are definitely discarded for ground-length skirts perhaps an inch or two longer at the back than at the front. But in the main evening skirts will just touch the ankle. These may be worn with a petticoat of the same length to produce a swirling effect when dancing.

All sorts of new colours will make their appearance, *bleu sud* (much like peacock blue) Chinese blue, blonde henna, dark henna, several shades of rose and a new black called poodle black. Where is Charles Graves with his handkerchief of latest shade "crushed mouse"? Sprigged muslins have come back again from the distant past, lace-edged flounces for skirts, glazed chintz with enormous floral patterning for crinolines. So altogether, if you have plenty of money or a trustful dressmaker, you may have lots of fun this year.

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Position of Women

Twenty-one years ago tomorrow women were granted votes. The work they had done during the War got them this much more than the fearful fighting of the suffragettes, and nobody can say that they have abused their power. In fact, some of their leaders in those stormy days—when one suffragette actually threw herself under the horses running in the Derby, for the cause—think they might have done much more. For example, out of 615 members of Parliament there are only 13 women members, which since women are the majority of the population does not suggest that they care much about politics.

One of the foremost of the oldtime suffragettes, Mrs. Mansell-Moullin, complains that her hopes for the disappearance of all ill-treatment of women and children have never been realized. Mrs. Billington-Grieg—a name one remembers well, she was one of the first to go to prison—thinks that she sewed mailbags in Holloway in vain: girls still have to retire from the Civil Service on marriage, she says; men are still invariably chosen as headmasters of co-educational schools. Miss Sylvia Pankhurst longs for domestic hostels which would relieve working mothers of the burden of bringing up their families, and wonders why they do not combine to insist on having them. Probably because they don't want them. Even as it is, many working-class families much prefer the old slum houses to the new model flats.

It is an open question how many women really care twopence about having the vote. From Eve downwards they are individualists and have little sense of community action—one of the reasons why women's clubs are so badly run; although most men's employ a woman housekeeper, who, probably regarding the members as a lot of helpless children, keeps their house spotless. But it would be absurd to suggest that women's position in the world has not improved out of all knowledge since before the War. The Church, the King's Bench and the diplomatic service are still shut to them. But there are women mayors, aldermen and magistrates. And perhaps the suffragettes' argument is wrong after all; perhaps most women prefer to make their mark, not in doing the same as men do, but in something quite different, in which respect Nature has certainly opened to them one exclusive line.

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Overdone "Attractions"

The Mayor of Hastings has kindly sent me what is commonly called a "brosher" full of fine pictures of this exclusive seaside resort, the promenade with its concrete pens reminding one of Cruft's dog show; the sun lounge seating 1,000 people, in the best factory architecture style; Alexandra Park flaming with daffodils, and alluring description of ancient castles near by, and of all the games and sport which Hastings provides.

Why the Mayor should have hit upon your humble servant to be thus tempted is a mystery, as my custom certainly would not bring much money to Hastings. But it is an illustration of how the south coast finds it necessary to advertise. For a stranger nowadays it might be difficult to decide where one town ends and another begins from Eastbourne to Bognor Regis. The whole Sussex coast becomes an unbroken line of promenades, sun trap shelters, and huge pavilions. So much money has been spent on these delights, that the different corporations have to trumpet their wares loud and early if they are not to be left with a lot of unsold stock at the summer's end.

Even so, and although the summer crowds appear as thick as ever, there are indications that the Sussex Coney Islands are overdoing it. Servants who for some years have been accustomed to throw up jobs elsewhere in May to take seaside work complain that tips are not nearly what they once were. There is a reaction too towards old-fashioned pastimes. Some sportsman recently declared that "horses would soon be a rarity even in the Zoo" on which "Punch" commented "as a matter of fact they are already." Yet the growing popularity of riding is one of the features of the time. Riding schools where hacks can be hired at week ends have sprung up by hundreds all round London, and quite a large number of working girls own horses, paying only stable rent and doing the grooming and feeding themselves before and after office hours.

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Marriage Question Again

The inexhaustible subject of marriage was lectured on this week in Christ Church, Westminster, by Mrs. Helena Normanton. As the leading lady barrister, generally regarded as the brightest jewel in the crown of careers for women, she advanced some extremely old-fashioned ideas.

"Crabbed age and youth" was her first theme. Young girls should never marry old men, she said, it is against nature and we should do everything possible to prevent such marriages wherever we see them likely to take place in our own circles. Here one may cordially agree, only with the unanswerable question, How is one to stop them? The days when an irate father could lock up daughter and feed her on bread and water till she surrendered about an unsuitable match are gone.

One may also agree with Mrs. Normanton's warning against marriages with foreigners. Yet one can think of some which have proved ideally happy. A test question for a girl who is thinking of mixed marriage might be, "How do you get on at meal times? Remember you will have to have breakfast with him." For it is the little things that count in marriage and especially identity of tastes and manners in eating and drinking. You remember how one of the chief reasons for Lord and Lady Algy separating was, as he said, that "I smoke Egyptian cigarettes and she will stick to Turkish."

But when Mrs. Normanton declared that girls should not keep on their jobs after marriage, there were loud and incredulous murmurs. For if you keep your eyes open the number of London clerkesses, waitresses and shopgirls who wear wedding rings nowadays is legion. For the most part these marriages are happy, and there is certainly more to talk about when the couple meet in the evening, but they are almost invariably childless. Here perhaps the needed reform is not that girls should give up their jobs on marriage but that society should revise its attitude towards them.

In Denmark and in France (to mention only countries of which I have personal knowledge) when a wife employed in any job is having a baby she is given a full allowance of time away from the office, her post is kept open for her and there are plenty of institutions where the baby can be well looked after while she is at work. Having for many years taken a more naturalistic view of life than we do in England "they do these things better" on the Continent. Mrs. Normanton, in spite of her profession, does not seem to have got beyond the conception of a wife as the fruitful vine and the polished corner of the temple.

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Radio Nuisance

One must have much sympathy with the group of Croydon householders who summoned a neighbour for keeping his wireless running for 10 hours without interruption. One of them testified that he had originally given the man a wireless apparatus catalogue. "It was the worst day's work I ever did," he said. He very soon bought a wireless set and this is the result. The magistrate fined the culprit £1 which seems very little, and wished that he could order the set to be confiscated.

The nuisance that radio can be and often is in England is indescribable. The odd thing about it is its penetrating quality and the distance it will carry. There was a cottager several hundred yards from us, who kept her radio going all day, so that it became intolerable to sit in the garden. Another family not far from us regularly turns on the radio after dinner and then sits down to read. Half the time these radio fans do not listen, they merely desire a continuous band. What puzzles me is where the B.B.C. picks up these bands which grind out jazz music all the day and half the night. I hope Croydon will have some rest now.

Wedding Garments

Lady Sibell Lygon, sister of Earl Beauchamp, leaving Brompton Oratory after her marriage to Mr. Michael Rowley. The bridegroom left the church after the bride and covered his face from the cameras. The wedding had been twice postponed.

Ladies of Peace in Conclave

Three of the prominent women disciples of peace who met at the annual Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington are shown chatting at the Washington Hotel between sessions. (Left to right) Miss Josephine Schain (Chairman of National Committee on Cause and Cure of War), Miss Cora Deng (Y. W. C. A. secretary in China), and Lady Layton, a noted British peace leader. Four hundred delegates attended the opening session.

Paris Fashions—

Some Impressions Brought Back From The Spring Dress Shows

Sorting out impressions of the new spring fashions after an intensive course of dress shows in Paris is not easy. After seeing twelve or fifteen hundred afternoon dresses, suits, evening gowns—not to mention hats, shoes, and gloves—details become rather blurred. It takes two or three days for ideas to clarify. Inevitably, there will be plenty of critics of the new fashions.

The "common-sense and no nonsense" school will jeer at the feminine folly that leads women into skirts so narrow that they have to hobble instead of walk.

And except that they are lovely to look at, there is not much sense in wearing skirts which, with a stiffened hoop along the hem, are so wide that not even the door of the most luxurious motor-car will admit them.

On practical grounds, there is very little to be urged in favour of the scraps of shirred veiling, crinoline straw, tulle, or sprays of flowers with a yard or two of net or veiling attached that go by the name of spring hats.

But it won't be the first time that women have been told that milliners have gone mad.

Spotlight On Your Legs

Will Englishwomen insist on skirts longer than the seventeen-inches-from-the-ground limit laid down by Paris designers?

Those short, full skirts—you get the width with the help of pleats, gores, bias cut, shirring—are attractive enough provided that what is seen below is slim and shapely.

So often it is neither, and in this matter of skirts Paris is not making any allowances for age.

Very much the same applies to the school-girl frocks made for grown-ups.

Will anyone older than eighteen, I wonder, be tempted into wearing a pleated navy blue skirt with long shoulder straps carried up and over a blouse of finely pleated or embroidered white lawn?

Ostrich Feathers Get Square Deal

The general outline of spring fashions has already been dealt with pretty exhaustively. I propose to talk about details.

Ostrich feathers, for instance. Once again dressmakers seem anxious to give them a square deal.

New prints, patterned with life-size ostrich feathers in different colours, are used for evening frocks.

Don't be surprised if the neck and shoulders of the woman wearing such a dress rise from a nest of waving plumes.

Feathers can be massed round the neckline of these frocks and repeat one of the colours in the design.

Accent On Waist-Lines

Then there is the waist-line. It is going to be very much in evidence this season.

Those women whose figures have lost the slim outline of youth will be glad to fall back on the new cleverly-fitted bodices arranged with kindly concealing pleats or folds.

For slimmer people there are full skirts, the upper part finished as a high, gathered belt and carried several inches above the waist.

Both for the daytime and the evening there are belts. These emphasize the waist the more because they are usually in a contrasting colour to the dress with which they are worn.

For instance a rather wide red belt embroidered with seashells is worn with a slim-fitting evening dress of white jersey.

Spiral Line For Slender Women

There is a climbing spiral line which is going to be difficult for anyone except the very slim. I saw the climbing spiral in an evening dress of black faille.

The material wound upwards and was caught on one shoulder with a great barbaric-looking gold ring.

Another, and even more trying version showed a china-blue moiré spiral frill winding round a rather full evening dress of white ottoman silk.

The New "Feather Stitching"

I mentioned ostrich feathers a moment ago.

Still another way of using them is to sew a few uncurled ostrich feathers flat down the front of an evening skirt.

The dressmaker who tried this experiment used ostrich feathers in two shades of blue against a background of white organdie.

Be Lavish With Jewellery

There is no limit to the amount of fashion jewellery you may wear either by day or by night.

Your tailored up-to-the-neck, long-sleeved dinner dress of white jersey material may be covered from the throat to the waist, both at back and front, with ruby-coloured studs, pear-shaped aquamarines, and pendant sapphires.

Gilt gauntlets may reach from the wrist almost to the elbow of your trim afternoon dress, and your white lawn jabot is caught with an immense floral spray set with jewel-coloured crystals.

They're Odd These Sleeves

Sleeves do not always go in pairs. A wool coat may have one sleeves of fur, another of the coat material.

A black sleeve on a black dress may have a white one as its fellow.

On a fawn coat, expect to find one sleeve made from nutria fur.

The idea can be applied to the short, coloured jackets worn with black day frocks.

A bright blue jacket with one sleeve plain, the other heavily trimmed with black braid, will help to make your black winter dress take on a semblance of a new spring model.

Come Into The Kitchen!

To Extract Carrot Juice

Choose fairly large carrots. Remove the tops, scrub them clean or, if this is not practicable, peel off the outside skin.

Then grate the carrots on a strong metal grater, since carrots are fairly tough. The resultant pulp should be left to stand for about half an hour and then be squeezed through butter muslin.

The juice thus extracted is most palatable, and will keep fresh for a day or so. 1 lb. carrots should produce about ¾ pint juice.

Melton Mowbray Pork Pie

This is the recipe of a farmer's wife who was a famous cook:—

Boil up ½lb. lard with about half-pint of water and 1 teaspoonful of salt. Weigh 1¾lb. flour. Directly the lard boils up, make the flour up with the lard and some of the water. Knead for half an hour.

When it is just the right heat to bear being moulded, and yet to retain whatever shape may be given to it, the piece of paste is worked with the hands on a paste-board into the form of a high-peaked hat with a broad brim—an old-fashioned Welsh woman's hat. Then, the peak of the hat being turned downwards on the board, one of the hands is put inside the hat, and the other is used to raise and smooth the sides, till the pie is gradually worked into a proper shape.

To Prepare Meat and Jelly Filling: Weigh the meat, and boil up gristly bits, bones, and so on with water to a firm jelly.

Put the meat through the mincer once: it should weigh 3 lb.—2lb. lean and 1 lb. fat. Season with 1 oz. salt and one-third of ½oz. white pepper, also one third of a dessertspoonful of anchovy essence. Pack closely into the crust; do not add stock or water.

Cover with crust and make a hole in the middle, put a rose in. Brush with yolk of egg, and bake the pie for 2½ hours in a moderately slow oven.

Lift out the rose and pour in the hot stock, which must be first strained and very strong. Leave to get properly cold.

Replace the rose and serve.

Byculla Club Souffle

This recipe was obtained in Bombay in 1918:—

Required: ½ oz. gelatine, soaked in a little cold water, yolks of 3 eggs, 3 oz. fine granulated sugar, juice of half a lime, 1 liqueur glass Maraschino, 1 liqueur glass Benedictine.

Mix together egg-yolks, sugar, and then all other ingredients except lime and gelatine. Allow to cook slowly in double saucepan. When mixture has thickened to consistency of custard, remove from fire and put in cool place.

Whisk the juice of half a fresh lime with 6 oz. of cream. When well whisked mix with the other mixture and gelatine. Pour into a soufflé mould. Set on ice for two hours before it is required to be served.

Grind two ratafias and scatter the very fine crumbs over the top of the soufflé when ready to serve. Enough for four to five people.

Athole Brose

Two cups of whisky, one cup of heather honey, and the yolk of a fresh egg. Beat well together.

Granulated soap-powder can be kept in a tin flour dredger, which will keep it quite dry. The amount required can be economically shaken out instead of being poured carelessly into the bowl straight from the packet.

Suitcase Trays

Aids to Good Packing

The ordinary small suitcase is not usually fitted with a tray, but it is easy to make one from a cardboard dressbox. A box about two inches deep and of almost the same length and width as the case should be obtained if possible, but a shorter or narrower one will serve the purpose. The lid portion may be used alone, or both portions, fitted one inside the other, if a strong tray is preferred.

To give the tray a neat finish a covering of cretonne or Lancaster cloth should be pasted over it on both sides. These materials strengthen the cardboard and make the tray more durable, but if a cheaper covering is preferred coloured shelf-paper may be used with good effect. Tabs made of adhesive tape should be attached to each end of the tray, so that it can be lifted easily out of the suitcase.

For holding frocks and small light things trays of this kind are useful. Shoes and other heavy things are packed at the bottom of the case, and the tray fits on the top. It can be lifted in and out without any disturbance of its contents.

Remove perspiration-marks from silk by soaking the affected parts for a few minutes in a mixture of ammonia and methylated spirit.

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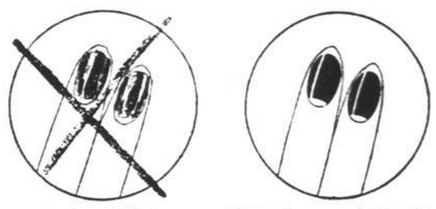
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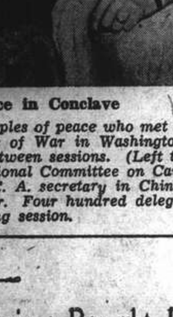
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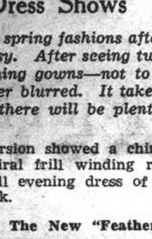
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THE SPORTS PAGE

South Africa's Score Rises To 387 for Six Wickets

Interest in Long Drawn-Out Test Diminishing; England's Hopes Gradually Fading

Durban, Mar. 9.

INTEREST in the Fifth Test Match at Durban between South Africa and England is diminishing, only 400 spectators, the smallest attendance in the entire series, being present at the start this morning, in the sixth day of the match. So far, the game has been long drawn-out, with the batting only bright in parts. The bowling has been far from brilliant, while batsmen have showed an inclination to take no chances. Both sides seem determined to fight it out with the bat, and at present South Africa seems to have the upper hand and barring an exceptional performance by England in the 2nd Innings, seems assured of victory.

The position at tea time today was:—

South Africa—1st Innings, 530 runs
England—1st Innings, 316
South Africa—2nd Innings 387 runs for six wickets.

By scoring 387 runs with the loss of six wickets by tea time today, South Africa set herself on the road to another high innings. He total for the two innings is now 601 runs ahead of England's score for the 1st Innings.

Viljoen and Melville were the two outstanding batsmen today, the former scoring 74 runs, while the latter carried his bat for 68.

Previous Day's Close

Durban, Mar. 8.

After adjourning for tea with South Africa's score standing at 128 runs without loss of wickets, the close of play in the Fifth Test Match between England and South Africa today saw South Africa with three wickets down, and only 65 more runs to show for them, the total being 193 runs.

Rowan came out for a "duck" through a brilliant catch by Edrich from a delivery by Verity just before the close of play, occasioned by failing light.

A crowd of 6,000 watched the play after tea, as Mitchell and Van der Byl relentlessly consolidated South Africa's position.

After three hours and seven minutes, South Africa could show a score of 150, but soon after this had gone up on the board Mitchell, playing back from a delivery by Verity, hit the wicket.

He retired with a score of 89, making South Africa's total 191 for one wicket after three hours and 42 minutes. Mitchell's total included six hours.

The second wicket was not long in falling, and Van der Byl was caught by Paynter off Wright when only three runs short of his century.

Van der Byl had appalling luck, only just failing to become the first South African to achieve a century in each innings of the Test.

He achieved many of his runs by grand leg drives, and solid hitting, and accounted for seven fours within three hours and 50 minutes.

With Rowan the next man out, Nourse and Viljoen added one run each to make South Africa's score 193 for three wickets when stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

Interest in the drawn out game was diminishing and there were only a mere handful of spectators, about 400, present when play was resumed this morning.

There was a slight fall of rain during the night, and it helped to bind the wicket, which showed no signs of crumbling.

The position at the resumption was 193 runs for three wickets, Nourse and Viljoen having one run each.

Nourse (25) was the first to go, skying a riser to Hutton at short leg off Farnes (242 for four).

Viljoen was aggressive, hitting ten runs in one over off Wright.

Melville, who strained his leg in the First Innings, was limping. With Viljoen, however, he took the score to 292 runs for four wickets at lunch. Viljoen had then scored 45 runs, while Melville had 30 to his credit.

South Africa added 99 runs in 105 runs in the morning.

Dreary Afternoon Session

After lunch, the batting was dreary. The 300 was put on the board when South Africa's 2nd Innings had lasted 366 minutes.

Viljoen was bowled by Perks for 74 (346 for five).

He chopped the ball into the wicket, after giving a solid driving display during which he hit seven boundaries. He was on the crease for 183 minutes.

Dalton was caught and bowled by Wright for 21 (382 for six). Wright made a beautiful catch with his left hand, taking the ball low. Dalton had a lively session, hitting one full boundary and three fours.

Melville (68) and Grieveson (0) were unbeaten at the tea interval, when South Africa's score had increased to 387 runs for six wickets.

Scores:—

South Africa—2nd Innings

Mitchell, hit. wckt. b. Verity	89
Rowan, c. Edrich, b. Verity	0
Van der Byl, c. Paynter, b. Wright	97
Nourse, c. Hutton, b. Farnes	25
Viljoen, b. Perks	74
Dalton, c. and b. Wright	21
Melville, not out	68
Grieveson, not out	0
Langton, Newson and Gordon did not bat	—
Extras	13
Total (for six wckts.)	387

Fall of wickets:—1-191 (Mitchell), 2-191 (Van der Byl), 3-191 (Rowan), 4-242 (Nourse), 5-346 (Viljoen), 6-382 (Dalton).—Reuter.

Foreign Y. Beaten By American Club

Inter-Club League Comes To End; Close Struggle In Second Division

Although they lost to the American Club in the final match by two games to one, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. still retained the championship of the Shanghai Inter-Club Ten Pins League last night. The defending champions had gained a total of seventeen games out of a possible 24.

F. M. Gonsalves rolled a high single of 213 to help his team win the third game by a margin of 824-817. Jimmy Deegan of the American Club bowled consistently to garner a triple of 555.

The Fourth U. S. Marines concluded their fixtures in fine form and registered a high team aggregate. Each player passed the 500 mark, with Fuller gaining the highest tally of 561. The Columbia Country Club, losers to the service team, won the third game closely by 865-861. Leo Hilden was in top form, scoring the evening's best record of 670, including a single of 222.

Two new records were made by the American Club when the team chalkd up 920 pins in the second game, beating the old mark of 917, and then went on to shatter the triple record of 2,588 by a tally of 2,655.

AMERICAN CLUB 2

Evans	158	169	167	494
Robinson	191	162	172	525
Barrett	163	154	138	455
Hartnett	175	190	160	525
Deegan	189	186	180	555
	876	861	817	2,554

Y.M.C.A. 1

Ross	154	157	190	501
Cochran	158	185	171	534
Jansen	164	142	125	431
Krause	169	179	125	473
Gonsalves	179	162	213	554
	844	825	824	2,493

U.S. MARINES 2

Fuller	177	197	187	561
Lesch	172	199	160	528
Keyes	152	218	149	519
Larcher	157	160	187	504
Cushman	172	178	178	528
	830	949	861	2,640

COLUMBIA CLUB 1

Huebner	161	187	152	500
Cardwell	149	158	171	479
Laidlaw	195	162	153	510
Fielden	150	148	189	493
Hilden	148	222	200	570
	809	877	865	2,551

MAPLE SECTION

Marine Officers (2)	880	836	735	2,451
Swiss Club (1)	631	704	773	2,108
C.C.C. Bears (0)	551	509	568	1,628
Marine Golds (3)	775	845	771	2,391

PINE SECTION

Marine Woodchoppers (0)	831	825	762	2,408
American Club (3)	838	920	897	2,655
Y.M.C.A. (0)	810	773	734	2,317
C.C.C. Acorns (3)	812	792	902	2,510

Final Standings

1ST DIVISION

	Won	Lost
Foreign Y.M.C.A.	17	7
U.S. Marines	15	9
American Club	14	10
Race Club	8	13
Columbia Club	6	15

MAPLE SECTION

Race Club	19	5
Marine Officers	13	11
Marine Golds	13	11
C.C.C. Bears	7	17
Swiss Club	8	16

PINE SECTION

American Club	15	9
C.C.C. Acorns	15	9
Marine Woodchoppers	10	14
Y.M.C.A.	10	14
German Garden Club	10	14

Y.M.C.A. Giants Beaten By Chinan Five

Invitation Basketball Title Goes Begging

Foreign Y.M.C.A. Giants lost all hope of winning the Shanghai American School Invitation Basketball League championship yesterday evening when they lost after a hard fight with Chinan who won by a score of 25 to 23.

Chinan jumped into the lead in the first quarter and were never overtaken. The Giants rallied strongly towards half-time and managed to hold the score to a tie of ten-all. In the second half, the Chinese maintained a small lead and finished victors.

Throughout the contest the winners played carefully. The Giants wasted many opportunities in poor ball-handling. With only a few more minutes to go, Chinan "stalled" to maintain their two-point advantage. Lew, Chinan guard, was outstanding and proved too crafty for the Giants. He tallied half a dozen field goals. On the losing side, Erlich and Yaron shot most of the "Y" goals.

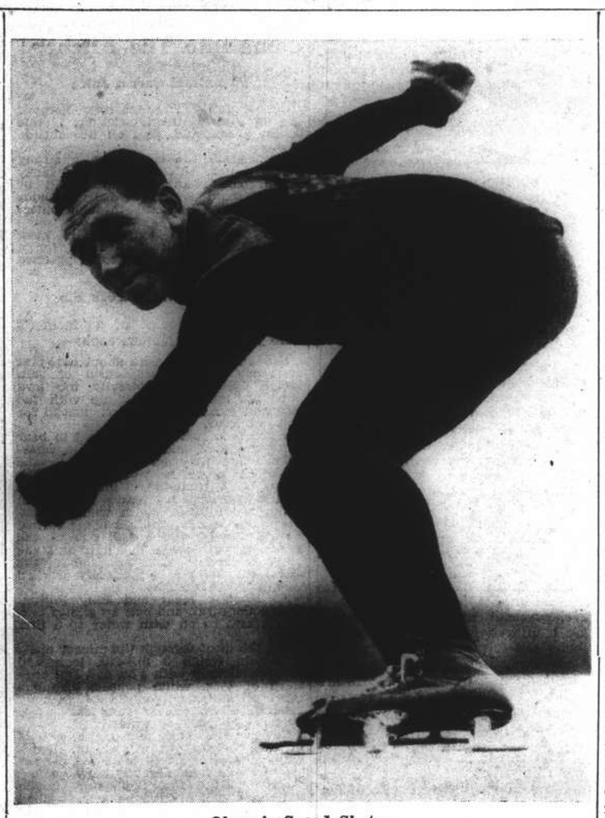
CHINAN

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Chow, f.	1	0	1	2
Yu, f.	3	0	3	6
How, f.	0	0	0	0
Wong, c.	1	0	1	2
Wang, g.	1	0	2	2
Lew, g.	6	1	3	13
	12	1	6	25

GIANTS

Jacob, f.	0	0	0	0
Yaron, f.	3	0	0	6
Erlich, f.	4	2	0	10
Grebenchikoff, c.	0	0	0	0
L. Soskin, c.	2	3	1	7
N. Soskin, g.	0	0	1	0
Smith, g.	0	0	2	0
Kazimiroff, g.	0	0	1	0
	9	5	5	23

1st half:—Chinan 10, Giants 10
2nd half:—Chinan 15, Giants 13



Olympic Speed Skater

Here is Al Kucera of Chicago who finished second in the 10,000 metre race at the ice sport meeting in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, thereby winning a place on the 1940 Olympic team of the United States.

Pitt's Late Coach Speaks His Mind

Jock Sutherland Gives His Views on College Football Situation

BY JACK CUDDY

New York, Mar. 8.

It's just like love—this business of trying to turn out a winning college football team, according to Jock Sutherland until yesterday coach of the University of Pittsburgh squad.

Men and women in love never know where they're at. And coaches, teams and college officials will continue to be in the same quandry regarding their football representatives.

Dr. John Bain Sutherland, who has been head football coach of the Pitt Panthers for 15 years, predicts that the problems of recruiting and subsidizing will not be settled during the next century.

"If we were all living in 2049, we would be still faced with the same problem," he said. "And this problem is—you've got to have good football players to win big games."

"I Don't Care"

Sutherland, who has been accused of professionalism or semi-professionalism, because his Pitt Panthers have been winning consistently in the recent years, admitted that "I really don't know if I will be coach at Pittsburgh in '39. There are many things to be smoothed out at the University."

In case Sutherland should not continue at Pitt, would he turn to the professional game?

"No, I would not," he said. "I have an indeterminate contract with Pittsburgh, which provides that I must give them two years notification before I quit, and similarly, they must give me two years notification before they fire me. I would not turn to the professional game, if I were given the gate, because my heart still is with the college youngsters."

Still somewhat dissatisfied because his Pitt Panthers of '38 lost to Carnegie Tech and Duke, he admitted reluctantly that the squad of '38 probably was the last top flight Pitt team he would coach for an "indefinite period," if he remained at Pittsburgh. He even predicted that Carnegie Tech would beat Pitt by four or five touchdowns in the '39 season.—United Press.

Wolves Score Another Convincing Victory

Middlesbrough Trounced By 6-1 at Home

London, Mar. 8.

Wolverhampton, in the First Division of the home soccer league, scored another convincing victory today on their own ground when they trounced Middlesbrough by 6-1.

Portsmouth won at home against Leeds United by 2-0. Chelsea scored an away win against Derby County, by a score of 1-0.

Blackpool won at home against Preston North End by 2-1, while Everton trimmed Leicester City by 4-0.

Following are results of all matches played today:—

1ST DIVISION

Portsmouth 2, Leeds United 0
Derby County 0, Chelsea 1
Wolverhampton 6, Middlesbrough 1
Blackpool 2, Preston 1
Everton 4, Leicester 0

3RD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Mansfield Town 4, Torquay United 0

Scottish League

1ST DIVISION

Motherwell 2, St. Mirren's 1
St. Johnstone 2, Hibernians 1
Kilmarnock 1, Queen of the South 1
Third Lanark 0, Celtic 2.—Reuter.

S.G.C. Teeing Off Times

SEEKINGJAO SATURDAY

12.36 Fielding, Smith/Jones, Schinazi
1.08 Meyerink, Willson
1.12 Jaboe, Stevenson
1.16 Russell, Cizek/MacFarlane, Smith
1.28 Bell, Miners/Kench, Denton
1.36 Davis, Bungey/Piper, Drysdale
1.48 King, Graham
1.52 Openshaw, McNicoll
1.56 Fuller, Woolley
2.04 Fistere, Johnstone (4 Ball)
2.08 Neumann, Hoffmann (4 Ball)
2.12 Wentworth, Morrison (4 Ball)
2.16 Deegan, Burnett/Lurton, Ross

SEEKINGJAO SUNDAY

8.32 Fraser, Ashworth/Snow, Marks
8.44 Cizek, Kwilecki/Neumann, Riggs
8.52 Hartnett, Rogers/Grubb, Carson
9.04 Dixon, Miners/Bell, Huggett
9.12 Lewis, Stevenson/Jacobs, Tibble
9.24 Kench, Ramplin
9.28 Maughan, McNicoll
9.32 MacFarlane, Drysdale
9.36 Piper, Marshall/Captain
9.48 Pratt, Duff/Clark, Parry
9.56 Jourdin, Mizota/Willson, Davies
10.08 Wentworth, Farnsworth
10.12 Meyerink, Morrison
10.16 Jull, Allan/Fielding, Baillie
10.28 MacDonald, Mrs. MacDonald
10.32 Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Germ
10.36 Openshaw, Drysdale
10.44 Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Allan
10.52 Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Harper
10.56 Lurton, Moody
1.56 Mennie, Davis
2.16 Sawyer, LaMont/King, Partner

TRAINING GALLOPS

IN misty weather on a soft track, Shanghai race ponies went through their training gallops early on Wednesday morning in preparation for tomorrow's Second Extra Race Meeting at the S.R.C. Following are the times recorded. All gallops were done on the inside course.

Pony & Rider	¼m.	½m.	¾m.	1m.	1¼m.	1½m	Last ¼
(GRIFFIN OF 1939)							
Bulletin, Boy	37	1.10	1.41.2	2.15			33.3
Brown Bomber, G. P. Gram	39	1.17	1.53	2.26			33
Coffee Cup, Boy	43	1.20	1.53	2.25			32
Columbus, G. P. Gram	40.3	1.15.3	1.48.3	2.20			31.2
Cord, H. Huang	40	1.14.3	1.47	2.19			32
Cricket, G. P. Gram	38	1.13	1.46				33
Faust, J. B. Lok	41	1.17	1.51	2.25			34
Guerilla, G. R. Cheape	38	1.13	1.46	2.21			35
Halphong, J. Pote-Hunt	39.2	1.15	1.48	2.21			33
Lord Lister, J. Pote-Hunt	38.3	1.16	1.53.3	2.27			33.2
Lucky Sonny, L. K. Woo	41	1.18	1.51	2.24.2			33.2
Marble Hall, Chen Poo	42	1.17	1.50	2.22			32
Mistylight, Boy	41	1.17.2	1.49	2.21			32
Neptune, G. Renner	41	1.17	1.51.2	2.24			32.3
Primroseray, F. Noodt	39.2	1.17	1.50.3	2.23.3			33
Purpleray, F. Noodt	40	1.19	1.54	2.26			34
The Woodtrush, ?	42.2	1.20	1.54	2.27			33
The Redcap, ?	38	1.14	1.48	2.20.2			32.2
Sunnylight, Boy	41	1.17	1.48	2.21			32
Vim, Boy	36	1.11	1.43	2.16			33
Social Hall, Boy	42	1.17	1.50	2.22			32
Saigon, Boy	39.3	1.15	1.48	2.21			33
Rearmament, J. B. Lok	38	1.16	1.51	2.24.2	2.59		34.3
Hongkong Beauty, Boy	41	1.20	1.58	2.31	3.04		33
Rummy, G. Renner	40	1.15.3	1.50	2.22			32
Speen, Boy	35	1.15	1.53	2.23	3.03		35
Russetray, Boy	42	1.20	1.54	2.28			34
Fusilier, Boy	38.3	1.15	1.50	2.24.3	2.59		34.2
Bombardier, Boy	38.3	1.15	1.50	2.24.3	2.59		34.2
A/37, Bay—J. Sparke	37	1.13	1.47	2.18			31
A/150, Cream—Boy	37	1.13	1.47.3	2.20	2.52		32
A/16, Brown—E. J. Bell	37	1.17	1.55	2.30	3.03		33
A/204, Grey—Boy	37	1.12	1.44.2	2.17.3			33
A/205, Grey—Boy	40	1.16	1.51.2	2.23			31.2
A/172, Grey—Boy	39	1.16	1.52	2.25			33
A/192, Grey—Boy	42	1.20	1.56	2.30	3.05		35
A/39, Brown, J. B. Lok	39	1.16	1.49	2.21.3			32.3
A/218, Ches—Boy	39	1.14	1.45.3	2.21			32.3
A/38, Grey—Boy	39	1.16	1.49	2.22			33
A/195, Grey, Boy	44	1.24	1.58	2.31			33
A/193, Dun, Boy	44	1.24	1.58	2.31			33
A/269, Ches—J. Pote-Hunt	38	1.12	1.47	2.22			35
Citylight, ?	44	1.26	2.04	2.39	3.12		33
Joylight, ?	44	1.26	2.04	2.39	3.12		33
Fairylight, ?	44	1.26	2.04	2.39	3.12		33
(1ST CLASS & UNCLASSIFIED PONIES)							
Frostylight, Boy	39.3	1.14.3	1.47	2.19			32
Cherrylight, Boy	44	1.22	1.57	2.28			31
Plainsman, A. Johnstone	44.2	1.21	1.53.3	2.26			32.2
Woodbridge, Boy	41	1.17	1.51	2.23			32
The Frigate, ?	38.3	1.14	1.48	2.20.2			32.2
Autumnlight, Boy	39.3	1.14.3	1.47	2.19			32
Black Pirate, Boy	39	1.16.3	1.49.3	2.21.3			32
Rain, Boy	36.3	1.12	1.44	2.16			32
Roehampton, Boy	39	1.13.3	1.46	2.20			34
Un Un Un, J. Sparke	37	1.15	1.51	2.25	2.58		33
Coronation Morn, H. Maitland	38	1.15.3	1.51	2.24	2.56		32
Magic Circle, H. Maitland	34	1.10	1.43	2.16	2.47.2		31.2
Merry Jester, Boy	39	1.14.1	1.48.2	2.21			32.2
Newcastle, Boy	40.3	1.19.3	1.54	2.26	2.57.2		31.2
Mefistofele, J. B. Lok	41	1.16	1.51	2.24			33
Phantom, G. P. Gram	34	1.07	1.39				32
Busted Straight, G. P. Gram	38.2	1.19.2	1.58	2.33	3.05		32
(2ND CLASS PONIES)							
Don Agustin, Boy	41	1.19	1.54	2.26			32
Receivership, Boy	38	1.16	1.51	2.25	2.59		34
Mightylight, C. B. Moller	42	1.20	1.54	2.26			32
Sammy, Boy	41	1.17	1.51.2	2.24			32.3
Atnenian Knight, Chen Poo	39	1.14	1.47.2	2.18.3			31.1
Crispylight, C. B. Moller	43	1.21	1.56	2.28			32
Duke of Cornwall, F. X. Diniz	38	1.13	1.47.2	2.20			32.3
Going Slow, R. H. Robertson	43	1.25	2.02	2.37	3.09.2		32.2
Goldenray, V. L. Xavier	39.3	1.[illegible]	1.53	2.26.3	2.59		32.2
Libertylight, Boy	34.2	1.12.2	1.47	2.19			32
Port St. Mary, M. Perske	43	1.25	2.02	2.37	3.10		33
The Swan, ?	42.2	1.20	1.54	2.27			33
Tunstenslight, E. B. Moller	41.3	1.19	1.54	2.28			34
Beautylight, Boy	40	1.18	1.53	2.26			33
Brave Raider, Boy	40	1.16.3	1.50	2.22.3			32.3
Goldenlight, Boy	42.3	1.20	1.54	2.26			32
Snappylight, C. B. Moller	39.3	1.12	1.46.3	2.19			32.2
White Wine, A. A. White	39	1.14	1.48	2.20			32
Wet Morn, Boy	36	1.08	1.46				32
The Midget, Boy	39	1.16	1.50	2.21			31
Sootylight, E. B. Moller	42	1.20	1.54	2.25.3			31.3
(3RD CLASS PONIES)							
Little Joe, Boy	36	1.10.3	1.44	2.16.3			32.3
White Major, Boy	39	1.14	1.48	2.20			32
Cottonlight, Boy	42	1.20	1.54	2.26			32
Ideal King, H. M. R. Hodgman	38	1.14	1.48	2.20.3			32.3
Off Chance, G. R. Cheape	38	1.17	1.54	2.29	3.03		33
Mimulus, G. Pollock	40	1.14	1.47	2.21			34
Mayorship, J. B. Lok	37	1.12	1.44				32
Night Raider, J. Sparke	41	1.16	1.51	2.23			32
Romford, Boy	44	1.22	1.56.3	2.29			32.2
The Jacana, Boy	38	1.14	1.47	2.20.2			33.2
Steve Brodie, Boy	40.3	1.16	1.49	2.21			32

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1. Snow Dale; 2, Baloney.
2½ lengths.—Time, 27.35.
Win, $19.20. Forecast (5-6) Div. $26.50.
Place, 1st $7.00; 2nd $6.40.
2—500 yd. flat.—1, Queen O'Sheba; 2, Princeton.
10 lengths.—Time, 31.18.
Win, $20.70. Forecast (1-5) Div. $184.30.
Place, 1st $13.60; 2nd $16.10.
Double Event 1/2 (5-1) Div. $23.20.
3—500 yd. flat.—1, Maid of Honour; 2, Charming Lee.
10 lengths.—Time, 30.92.
Win, $8.70. Forecast (4-3) Div. $22.00.
Place, 1st $6.60; 2nd $8.70.
Double Event 2/3 (1-4) Div. $15.00
4—500 yd. flat.—1, Gator; 2, Double Ten.
1 length.—Time, 31.89.
Win, $33.10. Forecast (1-2) Div. $136.50.
Place, 1st $16.40; 2nd $16.50.
Double Event 3/4 (4-1) Div. $27.20.
5—500 yd. flat.—1, Luss Wave; 2, Send'm Along.
2½ lengths.—Time, 31.60.
Win, $11.70. Forecast (6-4) Div. $52.00.
Place, 1st $6.70; 2nd $9.50.
Double Event 4/5 (1-6) Div. $29.10.
6—500 yd. flat.—1, Crummie; 2, L'Ousta No.
8 lengths.—Time, 31.15.
Win, $25.40. Forecast (4-2) Div. $238.50.
Place, 1st $18.90 2nd $23.70.
Double Event 5/6 (6-4) Div. $34.10.
7—500 yd. flat.—1, Go By; 2, Distinction.
3 lengths.—Time, 31.18.
Win, $28.30. Forecast (1-3) Div. $131.20.
Place, 1st $9.40; 2nd $10.50.
Double Event 6/7 (4-1) Div. $40.20.
8—500 yd. flat.—1, Nanette; 2, Maggie.
Short head.—Time, 31.21.
Win, $21.50. Forecast (5-6) Div. $55.70.
Place, 1st $11.80; 2nd $7.80.
Double Event 7/8 (1-5) Div. $91.80.
9—500 yd. flat.—1, Great Wall; 2, Red Bug.
2½ lengths.—Time, 30.91.
Win, $41.50. Forecast (2-5) Div. $142.20.
Place, 1st $17.40; 2nd $9.50.
Double Event 8/9 (5-2) Div. $83.50.
10—500 yd. flat.—1 D.H., Judy and Careless Beauty.
Dead heat.—Time, 30.39.
Win, $9.40 and $14.90. Forecast (3-6 and) Div. $34.30 and $44.80.
Place. 1st $7.50; 2nd $10.30.
Double Event 9/10 (2-3 and 2-6) Dv. $16.40 and $32.70.
11—125 yd. flat.—1, Star Boy; 2, Flintship.
5½ lengths.—Time, 32.29.
Wn, $50.00. Forecast (1-5) Div. $175.40.
Place, 1st $16.10; 2nd $9.60.
Double Event 10/11 (3-1 and 6-1) Div. $26.30 and $56.70.
12—525 yd. flat.—1, Athos; 2. Careless Cissie.
1½ length.—Time, 31.73.
Win, $36.60. Forecast (6-2) Div. $351.40.
Place, 1st $33.00; 2nd $17.20.
Double Event 11/12 (1-6) Div. $139.70.

Comiskey Decisions Seaman in Boston

Boston, Mar. 8.

Pat Comiskey and Martin Seaman met here tonight in a bout so devoid of skill or interest that the referee finally stopped the fight—to save the fans unnecessary punishment.

Comiskey was grudgingly awarded the decision, not because he was good but because he wasn't quite as bad as Seaman who seemed interested only in keeping out of range of Pat's gloves and make no serious attempt to land any blows on his own account. Both fighters acted as if their only desire was to be somewhere else than in the ring. Comiskey weighed 196 pounds and Seaman 190. —United Press.

Irish Soccer Team to Meet Wales

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 9.

The Irish soccer team, to meet Wales at Wrexham on March 15, will be as follows:—

Breen (Manchester United), Cook (Everton), Butler (Blackpool), Brolly (Milwall), McMillen (Chesterfield), Weir (Clyde), Cochrane (Leeds United), Stevenson (Everton), Millington (Chesterfield), Doherty (Manchester City) and Brown (Birmingham).

Butler, Weir and Millington are new caps.—Reuter.

Airgeadsios Scratches From National

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 9.

Following a break-down in training, Airgeadsios has scratched from the Grand National.—Reuter.

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Kilstar Becomes Favourite For Grand National

Teme Willow Easily Wins Trial 'Chase at Haydock Park; Prospects for Big Race at Aintree

AFTER Kilstar's victory in the Troytown Steeplechase at Lingfield Park, many people were firmly convinced that they had found the winner of the Grand National. There were numerous inquiries for his National price, which now ranges between 10 to 1 and 100 to 8, says the "Daily Telegraph" racing correspondent in the issue of February 13.

Kilstar beat a field of top-class steeplechasers, including five Grand National horses, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Morse Code, and that progressive jumper, Red Eagle. It was a fluckeless victory, easily gained, and as Kilstar is 3lb. better off with Rockquilla at Aintree, only one pound worse with Dunhill Castle, Dominick's Cross and Jovial Judge, and 2lb. with Delachance, his owner, Miss Dorothy Paget, must be regarding her Grand National prospects very hopefully.

Kilstar, now eight years old, was never raced until he was six. Major M. G. Roddick of the 10th Hussars bought him in Kilkenny in February, 1937, after a six weeks' search in Ireland for a horse to win him the Grand Military Gold Cup.

"I paid £250 for him from a Swiss friend who had intended to have him schooled for show jumping on the Continent," Major Roddick told me. "I schooled him myself at Tidworth, and he developed into a really good horse. He did what I wanted for me and I would like to see him win the Grand National for Miss Paget. He must have a very good chance."

When Major Roddick rode Kilstar to victory at Sandown Park last year, he became the first owner-trainer-rider to win the Grand Military Gold Cup. He had also won on Buck Willow the year before to emulate the feat of Mr. W. Filmer Sankey, who had been successful on Pay Only and Ruddy Glow.

Not to Contest Gold Cup

I have no idea what Miss Paget paid for Kilstar, but whatever the price she is not regretting the purchase. This year she has considerably increased her string of steeplechasers with Owen Anthony in the hope of finding another Golden Miller and, in addition to Kilstar, she has promising young jumpers in Knight of the Border, whom she bought from Mr. J. R. Hanbury, and Tanya's Knight from Ireland.

She gained immense satisfaction out of Kilstar's display, and trainer and jockey were equally jubilant after the race. For weeks Owen Anthony has freely expressed the view that the horse would become a very live proposition at Aintree. "We have decided not to run him in the Cheltenham Gold Cup," the trainer states, "but he will have at least one more race before the Grand National."

G. Archibald, the jockey, told me that the reason he twice switched Kilstar over from one side of the muddy course to the other was to get the best of the going. He was originally engaged for Savon in the National, but when Capt. Lionel Montagu's horse had to be scratched he was offered the mount on Kilstar.

Kilstar lost ground at one or two of the early fences, but for the rest of the three miles he jumped faultlessly. He was always in the first three or four along with old Southern Hero, Dominick's Cross and the lightly-weighted Bright 'Un. He was eased a little up the hill the second time round, but bowled down into the straight to deprive Bright 'Un of the lead, and drew away to win easily from the fast-finishing Red Eagle and Dominick's Cross.

Dominick's Cross ran a very good race, and his owner, Mr. A. Donn, has decided to run him in the National. R. Everett will ride the horse, both at Aintree and in his next race, which may be the Hurst Park Grand National Trial Handicap 'Chase on Saturday, March 11.

G. Beeby expected his pair, Rockquilla, who finished eighth, and Delachance, twelfth, to do better. He thought the heavy going contributed to their indifferent displays, especially in the case of Rockquilla, who prefers the ground to be on the firm side.

Altogether 13 Grand National horses ran on Saturday and the report from Haydock Park suggests that Teme Willow did as well as Kilstar in winning the Trial Handicap Steeplechase from four Grand Handicap rivals—Black Hawk, Brendan's Cottage, La Touche and Bachelor Prince—and Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw's brilliant three-mile 'chaser, Bel et Bon.

Teme Willow's victory gave his owner, Sir Edward Hanmer, particular satisfaction as it was the horse's first outing since he finished third in the Grand Sefton over the Aintree jumps last November. He produced a remarkable turn of speed over the last half-mile of this three miles and three furlongs and probably possesses better Grand National qualifications than Kilstar in that he has jumped the course.

Brendan's Cottage Falls

Brendan's Cottage had jumped faultlessly, and was with Teme Willow and La Touche until he fell two fences out. La Touche lacked the winner's speed over the last quarter-mile. Black Hawk, having his third race in a week, did well to run into second place. Bachelor Prince did not finish.

La Touche, in Ivor Anthony's stable, will be Mr. F. Ambrose Clark's only representative at Aintree, as his Flying Minutes, with R. Hobbs, was scratched over the week-end. Hobbs still has War Vessel in the race.

Other Grand National horses, Milano and Epiphanes, ran in the Surrey Amateurs' Handicap 'Chase at Lingfield, which Milano won. Mr. Louis Stoddard arrived from America only last week to have the mount on his wife's Milano, which he will also ride at Aintree.

Epiphanes can have given his owner-trainer, A. J. Bridgman, little encouragement, but I understand that the horse will be given another chance in the Fringford Handicap 'Chase over four miles at Windsor on Wednesday. If there is no improvement, Epiphanes will be taken out of the National at the next acceptance stage on March 14.

Owen Anthony completed a Lingfield double when Mr. Ben Warner's Eliza won the Sussex Selling Handicap Hurdle. A surprise favourite in the race was Penance, who had not been on a racecourse for 11 months.

Lawn Bowls Clubs Begin to Gather

Prospects Now Discussed For Coming Season; 1939 S.L.B.A. Meeting Soon

With the impending closure of the Recreation Ground and the winter sports season, the Shanghai lawn bowls players are among the first to consider their programme and prospects for the coming summer. General meetings of the various clubs are being held whilst that of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association will take place on March 22 at the Shanghai Engineers' Club in Wayfoong House.

During the next few weeks the captains and committees of the clubs will be engaged in taking stock of the players they have left from last season as there will be depletions due to leaves and retirements. Of the latter category, the man who will be most sadly missed is T. G. Main who has put in such good work for the Recreation Club for a great number of years in all branches of their activities but especially in the lawn bowls section during recent years.

Season's Success

The season of 1938 can, from the point of view of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association, be considered a successful one. Difficulties which arose from the local hostilities of the previous years were overcome by the clubs chiefly affected, those whose greens and headquarters were situated on the north side of the Creek. A full League programme was arranged and carried through, albeit a one division league only, and these clubs took their full share of the games on their own greens. In this connection a great deal of credit and much thanks must go to Mr. W. J. Kerr of the Public Works Department and his staff for putting these greens into excellent condition by the beginning of the season.

The other achievement of the Association was, of course, sending to Hongkong a team which retained in Shanghai's possession the Prentice Cup with the decisive victory of two wins and one draw. The representatives of the Association sent to the Colony were H. Wallace, captain and manager, J. W. Brierly, A. M. Gutierrez, J. M. C. Lopes, W. J. MacDermott and K. L. Swartzell all of whom did justice to the Selection Committee. One knotty point arose over the series, the draw in the first game played but it is understood that a ruling has now been made which will obviate any such misunderstanding in future Interports.

The Mercury Cup, considered the most important of the local competitions was won by the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club with a win of 87 shots to 71 over the Yangtszepoo Bowling Club. The League was headed by the favourites, the Recs, who finished with a percentage of 84.2, winning nine of the ten games played and drawing the other. The runners-up were the Police with 68.3 per cent. whilst the Junior Golf Club footed the column with 21.2 per cent.

New Suggestion

Of the championships, H. Wallace won the singles, C. M. Sequeira and A. d'Assis the pairs and a Country Club four consisting of I. A. Beith (skip), F. G. Harrison, L. Davies and M. Hendry took the rinks.

It is understood that a suggestion will be put forward at the Association Annual meeting that league games this season consist of three rinks instead of four. Last year some of the smaller clubs found difficulty in raising four rink sides, the Juniors in particular, and it was not possible for the Country Club to enter the League upon this basis. If this change comes into force it is more than probable that a second division league will be arranged.

There is also the possibility of another club entering the Association and, if the three rink game is adopted, will be able to enter a team in one of the two divisions.

The prospects of an Interport game being played in Shanghai are decidedly bright with the intention of Hongkong sending up their representative towards the end of the season. Hankow is due for a visit but it seems, as things are at present, there is not mush hope of their getting down or if they do, being able to return up the river again.

That certain restrictions in the Hongkew area did affect the clubs situated in that district cannot be gain said but it is the hope of all bowlers that by the time the season is commenced these restrictions will have disappeared and that such annoyances as the questions of transport and others more or less serious will not hinder players as they did during the past season.

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Women's Hockey Plans For This Week-end

Interport Trials Will Be Held if Possible

The Shanghai Ladies Hockey Association is hoping to see the weather clear up this week-end in order to hold the two interport trials which have been repeatedly rained out during the past weeks.

Th first trial will take place at Kiaochow Park tomorrow with strong teams elected for both the Colours and Whites. On paper, the Colours seem to have a strong forward line as the three inside forwards, Misses D. Eardley, M. Sheridan and N. Kelly, are drawn from the Greens.

On Sunday the trial will be held at the Race Course in which the Whites will be pitted against the combined force of Amazons and In Uno. The latter will be somewhat handicapped as some of their best players will wear the Whites uniform.

In the event of rain tomorrow and the consequent closure of Kiaochow Park, tomorrow's match will take place on Sunday on the Race Course and the trial for Sunday will be held over until the following week-end.

Following is the schedule of games in women's hockey for this week-end:—

SATURDAY

2.45 p.m. Colours *v.* Whites, Kiaochow Park.

2nd division.—2.45 p.m. German "B" *v.* Erin Villa Juniors, R.C. 4.

SUNDAY

2.45 p.m. Whites *v.* Combined Stars, R.C. 4.

2nd division.—10.45 a.m. Sokols *v.* J.A.C. "B," Kiaochow Park.

WHITES:—U. Paelz; E. Bloomfield, F. Woods; I. Wilkinson, M. Ballingall, S. Forrestier; M. Turner, A. da Silva. I. Ornberg, L. McKelvie, D. Bloomfield.

RESERVES:—M. Collaco B. Cumine, M. Osa, I. Blair, G. Berg, R. Henchman; J. McKeown, D. Eardley, M. Sheridan, N. Kelly, U. Berg. J. Picozzi, J. Pereira, S. Ahmed, E. Heley, N. Sinclair.

Whites (*v.* Combined Stars):—B. Gordon; N. Seaborn, J. Campbell; R. Mizrahi, E. Heley, D. Fredericks; J. Picozzi, V. Hutton, T. Collaco, R. Cooper. S. Ahmed. Reserves: M. Collaco, M. Osa, S. Forrestier.

International Squash Championship

Britain Beats American Holders by 5-0

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Queen's Club, London, Mar. 7.

Wolfe Noel, champion of Great Britain, beat the United States champion by five matches to nil in the International Squash Championship here today.

Miss Margot Lumb, the British Women's champion, beat the American champion, Miss Anne Page, by 9-1, 9-1, and 9-0. This is Britain's fourth win since the matches started in 1933.—Reuter.

Week-end Soccer Here

The following are the S.F.A. fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY

Skottowe Cup Final.—Lido *v.* S.M.P., Canidrome, 2.30 p.m., A. C. Sinclair; Line: S. S. Moffett, F. C. Hale.

1st division.—A.S.F. *v.* S.R.C., R.G.2, O. G. R. Beynon; Line: S. Neumann, P. Drossel.

Reserve division.—S.F.X. *v.* Tung Hwa. Kiaochow, T. Z. Liu.

3rd division.—P.T.H. *v.* Rowing Club, R.G.1, E. M. Marchetti; Xaverians *v.* Area Details, R.G.5, H. A. Harris.

SUNDAY

Special Charity Match.—Tung Hwa *v.* Portugal, Canidrome, 10.30 a.m., L. Chang; Line: Z. T. Loh, C. F. Lee.

Tsz Ling Cup Semi-final.—French Forces *v.* P.T.H., R.G.1, J. Anderson; Line: S. E. Burt, G. L. Aitchison.

1st division.—Seaforths *v.* Aurora. Kiaochow, A. G. B. Carnell; Line: G. E. Knight, F. C. Hale; S.F.X. *v.* Surreys, R.G.2, N. Fadeyeff; Line: A. C. Sinclair, E. M. Marchetti.

2nd division.—Ching Hwa *v.* British Navy, Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m., W. F. Field.

3rd division.—Russ. Club *v.* Tung Wen, R.G.5, K. Beck.

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From Sports Fame To Obscurity

Alexander the Great of Baseball World Now Has Nothing But Memories

BY HARRY FERGUSON

New York, Mar. 5.

In a nickel museum on 42nd Street a man climbed upon a rostrum, waved for a knot of loafers to come closer and yelled in a brassy voice: "Alexander the Great!"

Maybe the youngsters clustered around the stage thought it was going to be a sword swallower dressed in the armour of the invincible King of Macedon; or maybe a robed mystic who would read the future for us through a cloudy crystal; or maybe a magician in a tall silk hat.

But, no, it was a lanky man in a wrinkled brown suit. It was a man who had hen-track creases around his eyes from peering too much into the afternoon sun of too many summers. It was Old Pete, Grover Cleveland Alexander himself, who had come through the snow to this strange by-way of Broadway to earn bread and shelter in the harsh autumn of his years.

Only Memories Remain

He's pitching a ghost ball in a ghostly ball game every hour on the even hour on the tiny stage in Hubert's Museum. He's pitching it with a dead arm and a paunchy bulge at his waistline, pitching it out of the memories of an autumn day long ago when, truly, he was Alexander The Great. Sandwiched in among a card trickster, a floating lady and a jitterbug band, old Pete is playing over and over—for five cents admission—the seventh game of the 1926 World Series when he fanned Tony Lazzeri with the bases loaded and two out. He is doing this three miles from the Yankee Stadium where the Series was played and a short train ride from Cooperstown, N. Y., birthplace of the game where Old Pete's name goes up this spring in baseball's hall of fame.

Before he went on with his act, I asked him where he had been and what he had been doing since the swift swing of the seasons had dropped him out of the big leagues.

"I was with the House of David team for a while," he said in his lazy drawl. "I guaranteed to pitch an inning a day. Then last year I went out with a semi-pro club that I organized. We didn't do so good. Got out in the part of the country where the farmers had been hard hit and they didn't have any money to spend on ball games. Right now I got some irons in the fire but none of them are very hot."

Had he been behaving himself?"

Bad Reputation

"That's a funny thing," Old Pete said. "I got a reputation for being a drinker. I guess the reason is that whenever I wanted a drink I walked up to the bar and ordered one. The rest of the fellows bought a bottle and took it up to their rooms. I guess it was silly for me to drink out in public like that, but that's the way I did it. I'm on the wagon now."

It was time for his act, so Old Pete lighted a cigarette and went through the tiny door on to the stage, bumping his head as he did.

"It's all right," he said, "My head's made of wood, too."

There was a nervous ripple of laughter through the small crowd and Old Pete shuffled his feet just as he used to do out there on the mound when the count was three and two and the ball game was in the fire. Then he began to talk in a low, uncertain voice:

"I've had some big thrills all right but I guess the biggest one was in that 1926 World Series. I was with the Cardinals and we had won three games and the Yankees had won three. Jess Haines started the last game for us and along about the seventh inning he hurt his hand. So they told me to go out there and see what I could do. Well, there were three on base and Lazzeri was up there at bat and I figured he was more nervous than I was. So I started to work on him kinda careful and then I figured I'd shoot the works. I threw him a hook and I'll never forget watching that ball as it went down to the plate. It hooked good and sharp and Tony swung. I always figured he missed it by six inches, but anyway he was out."

Fitting Epitaph

There was silence for a moment and then Old Pete said: "Now, gentlemen, if there's any questions, I'll try to answer 'em."

"Was Cobb better than diMaggio?" asked a boy in the front row.

"Can't say about that." Old Pete said. "Cobb wasn't in my league and I never saw DiMaggio play ball. Sorry, but I just can't say."

Silence again. Then Alexander stamped out his cigarette on the floor and said: "My time,' up now."

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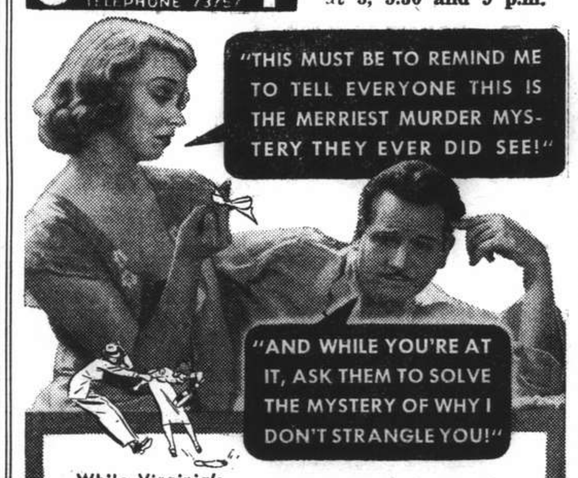
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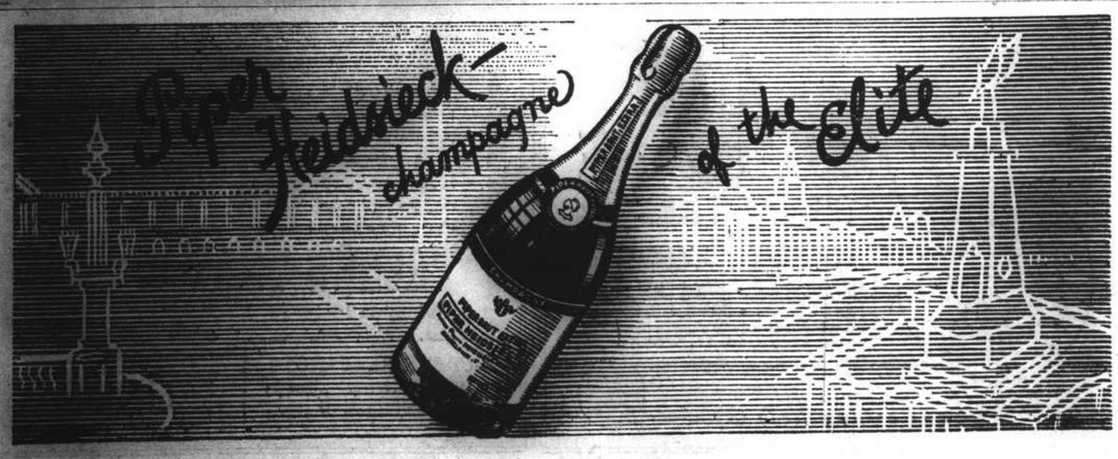

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MARRIAGES

BOURKE—PACKWOOD.—On March 9, 1939, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, before Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, O.B.E., MARIE PACKWOOD, daughter of Mr. David H. Deacon and the late Mrs. Deacon, of London, to HERBERT P. BOURKE, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bourke, of Shanghai. 11329

PARKER—MAISON.—On March 9, 1939 at the United States Court for China, Shanghai, by Judge Milton Helmick, NATALIE MAISON to ROBERT H. PARKER, both of Shanghai. 11339

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A WISE STEP

The announcement by Sir John Simon in the House of Commons of a plan whereby Great Britain and China will co-operate in the protection of the latter's currency, through the establishment of a stabilization fund to which British and Chinese banks will equally contribute the total sum of £10,000,000, was made appropriately enough just upon the announcement of exchange control in North China designed to restrict the operations of foreign merchants in that area. The scheme is not to be taken as being in the nature of a retaliatory measure, in reply to the discrimination in which Japan has been indulging against Great Britain, but a perfectly legitimate move for the protection of interests which Great Britain has every right to protect. However this new development will be regarded in Japan, it will undoubtedly be welcomed by Britons in China, as well as the Chinese, as indicating a stiffening of the British attitude with regard to developments in East Asia, and an earnest that no steps will be left untaken in order to protect rights, and interests built up honourably, and in the course of legitimate trade. The more effective the stabilization fund proves to be, the better, and it is clear that there should in no way be any change in the British determination to do everything possible to prevent damage to Anglo-Chinese trade, and by maintaining China's exchange permit of that trade being continued, and even further developed. There has already been a good market reaction to the announcement of the scheme, and there is every reason to believe that when the fund is in operation the benefits will be substantial. As a political gesture, therefore, as well as a financial manœuvre the scheme has everything to commend it. Psychologically it will encourage British traders in China to continue facing their present difficulties with that courage which has been so excellently demonstrated.

One of the immediate results of this new development should be the return of much Chinese capital to the country. It will be remembered that after the outbreak of hostilities there was a perfectly natural flight of capital abroad. Chinese capitalists were quite willing to sacrifice the earning capacity of their money by sending it overseas, in order to maintain its safety. It has been earning very little in the nature of interest, and the attractive remuneration which can be obtained by putting that money again to work in its own country will, since it is now to be protected by the stabilization loan, undoubtedly set in motion the process of return. There is another and very important feature which should not be overlooked. The loan will stabilize the value of the large quantities of Chinese bank notes which are still to be found in North China, even though they have been driven underground by the action of the Peiping government. Their value will be equally as guaranteed as those circulating in other parts of China, and while the Peiping authorities may be able to prevent their open circulation,—something which has proved more than a little difficult up to the present,—they will have an established value which in other circumstances might have disappeared. To that extent the scheme may serve as something in the nature of an offset to the discriminatory exchange control regulations which are to come into force in the North on Saturday, and, even though it may not prove to be a complete answer to everything which is being done by the Japanese protégés in the North, will at least benefit those Chinese who have displayed a consistent loyalty to the old currency. The scheme may not assist foreign trade in that area though it will elsewhere, and taken as a whole it should serve to minimize the difficulties which China might otherwise have experienced in purchasing supplies from abroad. It is plain, therefore, that the mutuality of interests between China and Great Britain is to receive that protection against Japanese attacks which it is only common prudence to provide, and if only for that reason alone the proposal is to be most warmly commended.

The action of the United States with regard to financial assistance to China, taken some weeks ago, the British credit of £500,000 which was simultaneously announced, and the latest pronouncement that France intends to grant credits to China, is now rounded out by this latest development, which emphasizes the determination of those three nations to do their utmost to protect their interests in this part of the world. There is in it all no departure from the doctrine of neutrality, and, if there were, it would be justified by the manner in which Japan, despite all her assurances, is seeking to destroy the rights and interests of those countries in China. If there is any criticism of the scheme to be made at all, it can only be that it has come so late, when so much damage has already been done, but, if it is possible to peg the Chinese dollar at something approximating its present value, and maintain it there against the onslaughts of the Japanese, a very considerable service will have been rendered to China, and to those nations trading with her. It is obvious that other nations besides the three most intimately concerned will profit by what is being done. That is no reason militating against the virtue of the scheme. If China's general trade is to benefit by it so much the better, for it is to the improvement of her trade that she has to look for the sinews of war. The moral effect of the scheme upon the Chinese is something which cannot be overlooked. It will undoubtedly strengthen their determination to continue their resistance, and at the same time reaffirm Chiang Kai-shek in the loyalty of his followers, thereby reinforcing his position if that were at all necessary. Thus without indulging in retaliation against Japan for all the wrongs she is inflicting upon third Power neutrals the first means have been found for the protection of threatened interests. It is to be hoped that this is only the forerunner of other steps which can, and ought to be taken if only for the purpose of impressing upon the Japanese Government the determination of the nations concerned not to yield their trading positions in China simply because Japan conceives it her duty to bring about what she chooses to call a new order.

Shanghai British Women

Shanghai may be 10,000 miles from the capital of the British Empire and politically even more distant, but British women in Shanghai are not behind their sisters at home in volunteering their services to the country. A little-known chapter in the activities of British women in Shanghai was revealed by Mrs. J. T. W. Brooke presiding at the annual meeting of the British Women's Association yesterday. Mrs. Erooke stated that during the Czechoslovakian crisis, which had it developed adversely would have had serious consequences for what might be termed the non-axis nationals in Shanghai. Mrs. Hardman, the Chairman, started a system of registration of volunteers from among members of the Association whose service could be utilized in case of emergency. Records were compiled giving details of women's qualifications and a very useful body would have been available had circumstances necessitated. Mr. Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy, however, bore fruit and the crisis passed but not without warm commendation and thanks from the Prime Minister to the British women of Shanghai. While volunteer services freely offered for national purposes were unnecessary, other volunteer work in the form of assisting the Social Service Board reached its apogee during the year as a result of the tremendous calls made on the Board as a result of the hostilities and the distress which followed. Perhaps nobody outside members of the Board know exactly how much suffering was caused to British nationals in Shanghai by the hostilities, and the existence of the board to investigate cases and assist in a dignified, unobtrusive manner was one of the brighter chapters. It helped the British authorities in Shanghai in a variety of ways and assisted in solving the problem of the most useful method of distributing relief funds. Bound to the Homeland by strong ties of patriotism and sentiment but separated by a wide geographical gulf, self-help has become a quality of enduring value in places like Shanghai and in the demonstration of this quality British women have done nobly.

The Rates Increase

The announcement by the Shanghai Municipal Council on Wednesday night of its intention to ask the ratepayers to consent to the increase of the municipal rate from 16 to 18 per cent. and the land tax pro rata will come as no surprise to those who have been watching municipal affairs with any degree of interest. The heavy increase in expenditure anticipated for 1939, amounting to some $5,700,000 is stated to be almost entirely attributable to the fall in the value of the dollar. That anticipated increase has to some extent been offset by increased revenue, from industrial revenue and higher royalties to be received from the public utility companies. But nearly $3,000,000 still remain to be found. It was believed that of this sum $1,250,000 would be provided by the increase for which the Council is to ask the ratepayers, but since it has been decided to postpone the application of the new rates from July 1 until October 1, it is clear that this expectation will not be realized. There will then remain a sum of approximately $2,000,000 to be carried over to 1940 or otherwise disposed of. In this connection it is satisfactory to note that the Treasurer has reported to the Council the existence of sufficient reserve funds to provide cover for this balance, rendering it unnecessary to resort to borrowing to finance a deficit on the ordinary budget. It is just as well that the suggestion to cover the whole of the deficit out of reserves gained no support. The hat from which so many rabbits have been miraculously produced is not inexhaustible, and should not be too heavily raided at any time, while the gradual advancement of the rates rather than a sudden increase of four per cent. is probably best suited to the exigences of the moment. It is devoutly to be hoped that a further increase will not be necessary next year, though on present showings that hope appears to be a faint one. If it can be avoided it should be, for increase in taxation is at all times likely to militate against that all round improvement which it is hoped will set in, once this China Incident has come to an end. It is indeed regrettable that the question of an increase has to be faced at all, but obviously it has to be, and the ratepayers, while they most certainly will not like it, will in all probability accept the bad news with the best grace possible.

A COUNTRY DIARY

March 8.—March 6 was the day of "Excited Insects"—and yesterday I found the lawns covered with worm-casts....which all goes to show that the song I quoted the other day was correct when it said "the little worms come out to turn, for its their mating season too." This is really the most important season of the year and the rapidity with which nature moves astounds me every day. Already the willows are showing green and in many cases actually casting off the husks of what we call the "pussies." Out in the fields, or in any neglected corner the weeds and wild flowers are growing apace; already I have collected, Dandelion, Shepherd's Purse, Penny Cress, Sun Spurge, Chickweed, and Low Buttercup....while the little blue eyes of Tournefoot's Speedwell wink at me from the ground once more, and defy me to collect them by falling off in my hand if I pick them. The period of Excited Insects (which I call the Awakening of Insects) is in more ways than one the real beginning of Spring and Summer activities: all things which crawl are beginning to emerge from their winter retreats: ants are coming up everywhere through little tunnels to commence all those duties which have to be performed in summer, such as the storage of food for the young....and perhaps they are even now looking round for the best places to procure their milch-cows (aphids) which will be put out to graze on the cotton leaves. The winged life of the insect world has not yet awakened and I find it usually takes two weeks or more for the first of the midges or mosquitoes to be in the air....and that is why we cannot look for the Swallows until about March 22: the birds on the northward journey are now lingering in warmer places and will work up the coast, as insect life awakens, to arrive here in the last week in March....but I am wandering into the realms of prophecy, an occupation only safe because I shall be away when the date mentioned comes!

IN PARENTHESIS

Force Majeure

"An' does your husband," asked the Irish matron, "still kiss ye mornins when he laves the house?"

"He does indeed," replied the bride. "If he didn't he'd be in no condition to go to work."

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"Dead Give-Away"

INDIGNANT wife: "Just like you and your intelligence. Just because you feel warm you would go and take off you coat outside the door of a pawnbroker's shop when everybody is looking."

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She Knew

"YES," said the schoolmaster, "I must confess that your son has a great thirst for knowledge. Where does he get it from?"

"The thirst," said the pupil's mother, haughtily, "he gets from his father, and the knowledge from me."

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Research

THE famous professor had just received a title, and the reporter was trying to get some information from the great man's wife.

"And what," he asked, "is the professor's principal research."

"Well," replied his sorely tried wife, "it consists principally in hunting for his spectacles."

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Following the Band

A BRIGHT spot among the papers of applicants for commissions in Britain's territorial army was found in the signature of the clergyman who attested to one young man's good character.

He described himself as "Rector of March (with Toot) Baldon."

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Smart Child

A MERCHISTON man was caught out by this conundrum put to him by his little daughter:—

"Daddy," said the child, "can you tell me what walks on eight legs and sings?"

"I'm afriad I cannot," confessed the fond father.

"A quartette," replied the happy youngster.

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Repartee

A JUDGE, after calling at the office of a brilliant lawyer friend, left a law-book on the lawyer's desk, quite unintentionally. The lawyer ordered his clerk to take the volume back to the judge.

"Ask him," he said jocularly, "what he meant by bringing me a law-book!"

"Ask him," responded the judge, "how he knew it was a law-book!"

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"Tinder"

A PRIEST went to a barber's saloon run by one of his Irish parishioners. He noticed that the barber seemed to have been celebrating, but decided to take a chance.

"There, Mike, you have cut me," declared the priest after a time.

"Yis, y'r riv'rance," answered the barber.

"That just shows you," went on the priest in reproving tones, "what the use of strong drink will do."

"Yis, y'r riv'rance," replied the barber humbly, "it makes the skin tinder."

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Too Small

THE dinner rushed over to the manager. "I've been robbed!" he screamed. "Somebody has stolen my hat!"

"What kind of a hat was it?" asked the manager.

"It was a light brown soft hat," explained the diner.

"H'm," mused the manager, "now that you mention it, I just saw a man walk out with that very hat."

The customer looked hastily toward the doors. "Quick, quick!" he demanded; "what did he look like?"

The manager shook his head.

"Terrible," he replied. "The hat was much too small for him!"

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No Salad Days There

"Girls attending Nonsuch Park Council School, near Sutton, show a reluctance to eat vegetables."

Mary liked her little lamb
And ate it up with shouts:
She simply didn't care a blow
For cabbages and sprouts.

It followed her to school one day
Inside a butcher's cart:
And all through lessons Mary yearned
To tuck it next her heart.

No vegetables, please," she said,
"Of eating them I'm chary:
"But how I like my little lamb
"To warm my little Mary."

—By F. G. H. Salusbury in the "Daily Herald."

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Cabinet Jealousy

A COUPLE of Cabinet Ministers, who have relied hitherto on their dazzling smiles for glamour, are very jealous of Two Gun Sam Hoare and the joyous publicity which his Wild West tactics have earned him, writes Showman in the "Daily Herald."

Each has been fobbed off for the time being with the promise that he shall be the first to use yet another challenging Americanism.—"Oh, yeah?"—which the Government publicity lads have just discovered.

The promise, of course, is not worth the cheese it is written on. "Oh, yeah?" is being reserved for the Prime Minister. Any trouble from the jealous couple will be met with a moving appeal for surrender in the cause of united loyalty.

Meanwhile, I hear that Two Gun Hoare has already worn two deep furrows in the Table with the rowels of his spurs. Doggone thet ole lizard—he shore air tough!

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	46.0	Max.	52.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	31.0	Max.	36.0

Rainfall .064

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	46.9	Max.	52.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	29.8	Max.	36.1

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 8th:—Rather low and unsteady pressures over China and Japan. Light variable breezes in China and over the Yellow Sea: north-easterly over the Eastern Sea. Fine weather in the north. Overcast to cloudy with showers at places over Central China, our regions and the Eastern Sea.

State on the morning of the 9th:—Feeble anticyclone over the Sea of Japan, moving eastward. Low pressures over Mongolia. A depression is developing over Kiangsi and advancing east-north-eastward.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Depression passing to the south of Shanghai, east-north-eastward. Fine and cloudy weather and southerly to westerly breezes over northern China. Cloudy to overcast and south-easterly to north-easterly winds over the Yellow Sea. Overcast with rain and northerly winds over Central China: easterly to northerly over our regions. Moderate cyclonic circulation and rain over the Eastern Sea. Overcast to cloudy and north-easterly winds around Formosa. Local fogs along the Coast.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Britain Upholds China Currency Stability

Exchange Equalization Fund of £10,000,000 Acclaimed; Foreign Governments Informed of Intention; No Discrimination Against Japan

London, Mar. 9.

ALL papers here give prominence to the announcement of the Chinese currency stabilization fund and the liveliest satisfaction is expressed with no dissentient voice. Both press and financial circles point out that one result may be to make impossible the Japanese scheme of banning the Chinese dollar in North China. It is learnt that Chinese troops in North China are paid money sent from Chungking, which despite the difficulties in the huge spaces to be covered, are regularly transmitted. Hence, the Stabilization Fund will help the Chinese currency even in North China, as it were, by the back door.

Reuter learns from good authority that a small Chinese exchange equalization fund, which has been operating for the past nine months, has actually shown a profit on transactions. The new Stabilization Fund, therefore, should in no way be regarded as necessary to bolster up a sagging currency. Before announcement of the scheme was made in Parliament, the principal foreign Governments were informed of the British intentions. It is understood that the communication on the subject sent to Japan, recalled Japan's previous statement that a stable Chinese dollar is in her interest.

The "Financial Times" says that in London commercial circles, importance is attached to the co-operation by all countries, with trade and interests in China, to avert the threatened further dislocation in the Chinese market.

Close contact, the "Financial Times" adds, is being maintained by French and American traders.

Evidence of this co-operation, says the paper, is the fact that a representative of the Paris Chamber of Commerce attended a meeting of the Chinese section of the London Chamber of Commerce on Monday, when measures for mutual protection of trading interests in China were discussed.

There is general welcome for the idea of preventing further penetration of Japanese influence in China, by giving financial assistance to the Chinese Government.

Comment by "The Times"

The announcement of the £10,000,000 Stabilization Fund for Chinese exchange will be most welcomed in the City, especially in quarters interested from any point of view in Chinese trade, writes "The Times."

The Chinese Government, all along, has been greatly assisted by large purchases of silver by the American Treasury. Of late, silver shipments have been diminishing, it is generally believed, although there are adequate funds to support the exchange for the time being, "The Times" went on.

But the silver reserves are not so ample as will be wished, it adds. In the circumstances, this Stabilization Fund, though not perhaps of urgent necessity, is certainly a very welcome safeguard.

Continuing, "The Times" says that it is moreover satisfactory to find that Chinese banks are able to place so large a sum at the Sterling Fund's disposal.

Shanghai Administration

The amount of the Fund is large in relation to any demands that are likely to be made thereon, and it should be well within the power of the Committee which will administer the Fund in Shanghai, to maintain stability in the exchange, or control the rate as it desired.

The Japanese attempt to force the Federal Reserve Bank currency on North China must be viewed with considerable concern due to the possibility of a break-down in the ordinary mechanism of North China's foreign trade, "The Times" continues, but there is little reason to think that it will present a serious problem for the defence of the Chinese dollar.

The establishment and working of the Stabilization Fund has nothing to do with many financial measures which the Japanese have attempted, nor has this step been taken for any political purpose, says the paper. It would certainly be difficult for the British Government to contemplate with equanimity, the addition of serious exchange troubles to other difficulties which already have heavily diminished Anglo-Chinese trade.

Strictly Business Move

On strictly business grounds, the support of the Chinese currency is essentially a constructive policy, it adds.

There is no question, of course, of the provision of exchange credits being linked in any way with the question of the Chinese debt service, "The Times" points out.

At the same time, it will clearly make the Chinese Government's position considerably easier accordingly.

It is permissible to hope that in view of the changed circumstance, the Chinese authorities, at least, will offer something better than their recent bare statement that they could no longer advance money to the Customs for service on external loans.

"News-Chronicle" Support

London, Mar. 9.

A stable Chinese dollar is vitally necessay for British financial and commercial interests, says the "News-Chronicle." That is a good reason for helping China, but it is not the best reason, the paper adds.

Wider interests demand that Japan shall not be allowed to get away with her brutal assault on a neighbour, and one of the ways in which Britain can strengthen China's gallant resistance is by financial help, the "News-Chronicle" went on. There should be more of it, it adds.—Reuter.

Commons Statement

London, Mar. 8.

The Chinese Government's decision to create a £10,000,000 Exchange Equalization Fund, was announced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer. He revealed that two British banks would together subscribe £5,000,000 to the Fund, while the remaining £5,000,000 would be granted by two Chinese State banks. The British Treasury undertook to make good any losses that might be incurred by the British banks, which would be the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Sir John added.

Mr. F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, Labour member for East Edinburgh, then asked whether the measures to be taken to preserve the stability of the Chinese dollar would be in terms

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China's Currency Now Safe

U.S. May Take New Steps to Follow Up Assistance Moves

Washington, Mar. 9.

The new British loan to China, combined with receipts from current Chinese exports, will provide a sizeable amount to support the Chinese dollar against Japanese efforts in North China and Shanghai to depress the Chinese dollar, official quarters said here today.

Government circles believed the combined fund would be sufficient to support the Chinese dollar indefinitely despite Japanese attacks on Chinese currency. The British loan and consequent stabilization of the Chinese currency also will promote Chinese foreign trade, it was believed.

Discrimination exchange, import and export regulations being imposed in North China this week by Japan account for the sudden crystallization of parallel economic action in the Far East by Britain, France and the United States, Congressional observers believed here today.

Announcement of Britain's £10,000,000 loan to China for currency stabilization, and disclosure of substantial official French aid to China have been made to coincide with the imposition of the new Japanese regulations which threaten to force Third Power interests out of North China trade.

U.S. Lead Followed

Action now being taken by Britain and France, it was pointed out, is parallel to that taken several months ago by the United States when major credits were extended to China for the purchase of transport equipment in the United States.

Observers were impressed by the suddeness with which Congressional opposition to repeal the United States Neutrality Act has vanished and believed President Roosevelt was preparing new retaliatory measures against nations infringing upon American rights and interests in violation of treaty agreements.

Government circles recalled that the last United States Note to Japan regarding Japan's disregard for the "Open Door" in China was characterized here as America's "final formal objections." Informed quarters believe that the Government has decided that further protests are useless, particularly in view of Japan's failure to reply to the last American Note.

Consequently, the President is expected to announce new and more drastic measures in the Orient as soon as the Neutrality Act has been repealed.—United Press.

Mr. T. L. Soong Gives View on Dollar Fund

Chinese Currency Made More Stable Than Ever

Hongkong, Mar. 9.

Optimistic remarks on the future financial position of the Chinese Government were made by Mr. T. L. Soong, when interviewed today on the announcement of the £10,000,000 joint stabilization credit to China.

"The stability of the Chinese dollar, which has been maintained since June last," he declared, "has now been given still stronger basis by the creation of the joint stabilization fund by the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications and, on the British side, by the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.

"With China's balance of international payments no longer causing a drain on her foreign exchange reserves," Mr. Soong continued, "the creation of the joint stabilization fund by important Chinese and British interests, engaging resources many times greater than the Bank of China has hitherto employed, will be welcomed by all who are interested in the domestic and foreign trade of China as a factor of stability for China's currency."

After recalling the currency steps taken in the past year, Mr. Soong declared:—

"Experience has shown that our expectations have been amply justified and, in spite of the speculative raids caused by the successive falls of Kiukiang, Canton, and Hankow, the exchange market has been firmly maintained.

"The Bank of China has even been able to repurchase all foreign exchange it used for the support of the dollar when the uneasiness of the exchange market that followed any serious military reverse subsequently subsided."—Reuter.

Australian-N. Zealand Defence Parleys

Wellington, Mar. 9.

Mr. M. J. Savage, Prime Minister for New Zealand, today confirmed the fact that Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand would hold a defence conference.—Reuter.

U.S. Repeal of Neutrality Law Now Impending

Isolationists Join Internationalists For Joint Action

Washington, Mar. 9.

Repeal of the United States Neutrality Act, which would enable the Government to assume a more effective role in international affairs, appeared certain today as isolationists joined internationalists in Congress in support of a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Democrat of Illinois.

The Lewis Bill proposes the repeal of all neutrality legislation on the Federal statute books and would give the Administration a comparatively free hand in planning retaliatory measures against nations discriminating against United States trade or interests.

Introduction of the bill followed yesterday's statement by President Roosevelt in which he said the Neutrality Act not only had failed to promote peace, but in some instances had actually promoted war.

Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican of California and one of the leaders of the isolation bloc in the Senate, today announced he would support any legislation for the repeal of the Neutrality Act. He said he approved the Administration's efforts to wipe the act off the Federal statutes.

However, Senator Johnson said he wanted to know why President Roosevelt had criticized the act yesterday after originally favouring its adoption.

"That infernal thing was rammed down our throats by the Administration when it was adopted," he said.

President Roosevelt said yesterday that United States influence is not as strong for peace under the neutrality as it might otherwise be.—United Press.

"Cash and Carry" Plan

Washington, Mar. 8.

The question of the amendment of the Neutrality Act is the most important on the agenda of Congress.

It seems that the Administration would be satisfied with an amendment extending the "cash and carry clause" to include all armaments. Such an amendment would not, of course, completely satisfy those who, like Colonel Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of State, would like to see the United States officially take a stand in favour of Democracies. However, the essential aim of the administration, which is to grant France and Britain efficient aid in the event of a war against dictatorships, would be practically attained. Indeed, the two European Democracies would be masters of the sea and thus be able to obtain supplies from the United States. They alone are able to pay cash for the material they need.

The Neutrality Act expires on May 1 and circles closely connected with the State Department and the White House are optimistic in regard to the discussions which will take place on this subject in Congress. Several public statements have been made recently, backing President Roosevelt's declaration that the Neutrality Act did not contribute to the cause of peace.

Change in Public Opinion

The speech made yesterday by Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, majority Leader, in which he stated that the foreign policy of the United States should not only ensure American security but also preserve world peace, was received with much favour, even in opposition circles.

The large majority by which the armaments budget was passed reveals the desire of most Congressmen to see the United States adopt a foreign policy of a positive nature, and this demands a modification of the neutrality legislation.

The letter sent a few days ago to the "New York Times" by Colonel Stimson, in which he gave his opinion on what America's foreign policy should be, is considered of major importance.

The letter, which opposed the attitude of isolationists, contributed in relieving problems of foreign policy from domestic question.

It is believed that President Roosevelt is confident enough of sufficient support to wage an open war against the isolationists on the Neutrality Act question.—Havas.

Nine Seamen Drowned In Sight of Home

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 9.

A tragic incident was witnessed in the early morning among a large crowd who assembled in the dark to await news, following the sinking of a trawler which was caught in a sudden gust of wind and capsized. Half the crew of eighteen scrambled on the upturned keel and were saved by a tug. The other nine were drowned within sight of home.—Reuter.

Paris Observer Believes Herr Hitler Will Strike at Holland Next

Netherlands and Switzerland to Be Held as Hostages for Bargaining with Democracies

Paris, Mar. 8.

"Lightning attacks" against the Netherlands and possibly Switzerland are now contemplated by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler as measures to bolster the further claims that he proposes to make upon the Western Powers.

Such is the sensational accusation printed today in the "Journal des Debats," which published an article by the widely-read M. Pierre Bernus, one of France's leading diplomatic commentators.

M. Bernus asserted that he was in a position to reveal Herr Hitler's projects for this year, which were previously set for achievement in March and which may possibly be delayed.

In its earlier preparations, the project provided for preliminary operations to weaken the world position of the Western Democracies. Within the scope of these operations fell Japan's occupation of Hainan, Italy's anti-French campaign, the reinforcement of Italian garrisons in Libya and the exertion of Italian pressure along the borders of French Somaliland, agitation in Syria and Palestine, and, finally, Italian mobilization.

M. Bernus asserted that the decisive operations will be launched after the conclusion of Spanish hostilities, when Italy will forward her claims. At that juncture, Herr Hitler will strike. He will make a speech supporting Rome and will at the same time forward his own claims in the form of an ultimatum.

Next will come his "lightning attacks" upon the Netherlands and Switzerland, "which will ensure the immediate capitulation of the Western Powers," M. Bernus wrote.

Herr Hitler will argue that his occupation of these two small countries will be only provisional and he will deny any intentions of conquering them. Then, if the Western nations enter into negotiations with him, he will climax his operations with the presentation of new claims, M. Bernus concluded his exposition of "things to come."—Havas.

"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Admiralty Pilot Honoured

In recognition of his bravery at Wuhu during a bombing attack there in December, 1937, Mr. J. W. Hurst, Admiralty Pilot, was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross aboard H.M.S. Scorpion last night by Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Rear-Admiral Yangtze Flotilla. The presentation, which was made in the presence of a distinguished assembly, including Sir Herbert Phillips, H.M. Consul-General, followed a previous presentation to Mr. Hurst by the China Navigation Co. in October, last. Picture shows (top) Rear-Admiral Holt making the presentation and (below) a group taken after the presentation. On the right is Capt. H. J. West, manager of the Woosung-Hankow Pilots' Association.

British Hospital Hit by Bombs in Sian Raid

Foreign Staff Escape; Chinese Nurse Killed, Despite Distinct Marking of Premises

Sian, Mar. 9.

THE Jenkin Robertson Memorial Hospital here, which is run by the English Baptist Mission, suffered three direct hits when fourteen Japanese 'planes bombed Sian yesterday afternoon. A Chinese nurse was killed, but there were no casualties among the foreign staff, all the members of which are safe.

The operating theatre, the X-Ray department, the machine-room and two private wards were completely destroyed. The hospital was marked by two large Union Jacks, one painted on the roof and the other on the ground. These, it is stated, were clearly visible from the air.—Reuter.

Taiyuan, Mar. 9.

Threatened by repeated Japanese air raids, the populace of Sian has been thrown into complete chaos, with thousands jamming the station compounds following compulsory evacuation decrees issued by the military police recently, according to reports reaching here from Sian today.

Police were kept busy controlling the surging masses who sought passage aboard the coverless wagons, with freight trains crowded to capacity. Refugees were streaming westward carrying nondescript packages of personal belongings.

Anti-air raid precautions are being rushed within the city, the reports said.—Domei.

Ichang Suffers Severely

Chungking, Mar. 9.

Raiding Ichang four times yesterday, 45 heavy Japanese bombers subjected the city to the worst raid it had ever experienced, according to Chinese despatches received here today. Fully one-third of the city, the despatches added, was destroyed.

The exact number of casualties is not yet known but it is believed to be high.—Reuter.

"Red Route" Bombed

A large squadron of Japanese army aircraft on Tuesday launched intensive bombardments along the so-called "red route" for transportation of military supplies from Russia, according to a communiqué issued on Wednesday night by the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Central China.

Several scores of planes raided Yungchang, 250 kilometres west of Lanchow, and bombed military establishments in the city. On the way back the planes scattered leaflets over Liangchow, 200 kilometres west of Lanchow.

Several other units raided Pingliang, 250 kilometres east of Lanchow, and for half an hour bombed military establishments and the aerodrome. Returning to their base, the craft took on more bombs and set out again to raid Sian, capital of Shensi. They returned to the base after inflicting considerable damage on objectives in the town, according to the communiqué.

Co-operating with infantry north of the Yangtze, another army air squadron comprising about 15 planes bombed Chinese troops concentrated at Kingmen on the Hankow-Ichang Highway in southern Hupeh on Wednesday morning.

Fifteen additional planes attacked Changteh, important position on the west side of Lake Tungting in northern Hunan. They bombed Chinese troop concentrations there and about 100 junks on the Yuan River south of the town, causing heavy damage, the communiqué stated.

Heavy Hupeh Fighting

Ichang, Mar. 6. (delayed)

Fighting in Central Hupeh continues with great severity and, according to Chinese reports, heavy casualties are being suffered by both sides. The Chinese troops are said to be putting up strong resistance. Important Chinese military leaders are understood to be directing operations at the front.

In the southern part of the line, the Japanese are said to have entered Sientaochen on March 2, but to have retired on the following day.

The fighting is said to have been most severe on the northern section of the Hankow-Ichang road. The Japanese are reported to have entered Chungtsiang on March 5.

Ichang and Shasi remain quiet. No orders to prepare for evacuation have yet been issued by the authorities.—Reuter.

Fowning Captured

Hsuchow, Mar. 9.

Fowning, south-east of Haichow, fell to the Japanese at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, according to a delayed field dispatch reaching here today.

Advancing from Hwaian, two Japanese detachments captured the town, followed by a naval contingent, which navigated the Sheyang River and entered the town before dawn yesterday.—Domei.

Austrian Jews End Long Search for Home

Party Given Permission To Land At Laguaira

Caracas, Venezuela, Mar. 9.

A party of Austrian Jews, who waited ten days aboard the German liner Koenigstein for permission to land at George Town, have been allowed to disembark at Laguaira. They have also been permitted to do land work only.

The party, comprising 165 Jews, were first refused permission to land at Barbados. They then proceeded to George Town, where they were not allowed to land on the ground that no accomodation was available.

The Jews were reported to have £6,000 and other funds available for settlement.—Reuter.

French Credits to Assist China

Big Deal in Trucks And Yunnan Railway Now in Negotiation

Paris, Mar. 9.

The French Government, joining Britain and the United States in extending economic assistance to China, is guaranteeing payment in substantial amounts of Chinese purchases from France and is guaranteeing credits which French manufacturers have extended to China, it was revealed today.

Although France refrains from announcing an official policy of granting credits to China, French Government assistance to China through credit guarantees will be substantial, informed quarters reported.

French authorities, acting as agents of French capital, are now negotiating with British interests for financing the construction of the proposed Burma-Yunnanfu Railway to give China a modern "life-line" to the sea. Figures are not yet available on the sum required to finance the construction of the railway or the amount of commercial credits to be guaranteed, or already guaranteed.

Chinese circles here reported that one of the largest deals China has made with any foreign power is nearing completion here. The deal was understood to involve mainly the purchase of trucks.—United Press.

Italian Missionary Murdered

Peiping, Mar. 8.

Father Cucci, an Italian Franciscan missionary, has been murdered at his mission station in Shansi province, 20 kilometres west of Kuohsien on the Tatung-Taiyuan Railway, according to a report received here, which adds that the killers are believed to belong to the Eighth Route (former Communist) Army.—Trans-Ocean.

New Hopes Seen for U.S. Labour Peace

A.F.L. Agrees to Study C.I.O. Proposals

Washington, Mar. 9.

New hopes for success in peace negotiations between the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations appeared today when the A.F.L. agreed to consider C.I.O. proposals for the formation of a "Congress of American Labour."

The C.I.O. proposal, made at a White House Conference yesterday over which President Roosevelt presided, previously was firmly denounced by A.F.L. leaders.

The two peace delegations met again today with the President and Secretary of Labour, Miss Frances Perkins, and decided to hold their next meeting in New York on Friday. Administration officials will not be present at the New York meeting, it was understood. Scene of the negotiations is being shifted to New York because of the need of several peace committee members to be in New York over the week-end.

Labour circles reported the A.F.L. might present its own peace plan in the New York meeting as a counter-proposal to the C.I.O. suggestion.—United Press.

Brazil-U.S. Accord Reached

Credits of U.S.$15,000,000 Obtained

Washington, Mar. 9.

Agreements between the United States and Brazil have been reached, and the conversation between the Brazilian Foreign Minister, Senor Oswaldo Aranha, and representatives of the Administration has come to a conclusion. Senor Aranha is leaving for Brazil tomorrow.

It is learned that Senor Aranha has been assured, amongst other things of credits to the value of U.S.$15,000,000.—Reuter.

Mr. Errol Flynn Missing For Two Weeks

Hollywood, Mar. 9.

The President of Warner Brothers today said the Company was offering $500 to anyone who could locate Mr. Errol Flynn, the well-known film actor, who has not been heard of by the studio for a fortnight. Miss Lily Damita, famous actress-wife of Mr. Flynn, stated that she knew nothing of her husband's whereabout, adding that she had tried to get in touch with him for a week.

The Warner Brothers' studio is very concerned over the disappearance.—Reuter.

British Expeditionary Force Being Prepared

War Secretary Reiterates Solidarity With France in Event of European War

London, Mar. 8.

"TO what extent should Great Britain be prepared, in the event of war, to intervene with her land forces on the continent of Europe?" This question was asked and partially answered by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the Secretary of State for War, introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons today. The question, declared Mr. Hore-Belisha, was a searching one, and could only be adequately discussed within the context of the country's strategic problems.

Mr. Hore-Belisha referred to the declaration of the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, on December 14 last year, which he had re-inforced on February 11, and which, the War Secretary said, left no doubt as to the position which, in certain eventualities, Great Britain would assume. On that occasion, the Premier had said he felt "bound to make it plain that the solidarity of interest by which France and this country are united is such that any threat to the vital interest of France from whatever quarter it came must evoke the immediate co-operation of this country."

That declaration, Mr. Hore-Belisha said, was of greater significance than any which had preceded it, and made it incumbent on them to consider, and prepare for, the use of field force in certain eventualities.

"Conversations between ourselves and the French," the War Secretary stated, "have not committed us in this respect, but prudent minds should be ready for any eventuality.

"If we are involved in war, our contribution, and the ways in which we can best make it, will not be half-hearted, nor based upon any theory of limited liability.

Detailed Plans Ready

"We have on our side made plans—plans of great detail.

"We have made a calculation of shipping requirements."

The historical qualification of British military effort abroad still remained—every soldier who fought had to be transported, and every weapon he used, shell he fired and vehicle he drove, had to be carried overseas.

The whole of the British Army, therefore, could not arrive simultaneously in a theatre of war where continental armies might already be in position. It would have to be dispatched in echelons on serial dates.

In this connection, the War Secretary made one reference to those who advocated conscription in Great Britain.

He said that while the case for national service in peacetime might be argued on grounds of moral and physical well-being, it would be a mistake to assume that it would necessarily affect, in degree, the dimensions of Britain's initial contribution abroad.

The conversations between Great Britain and France concerned always plans for defence, and not for aggression.

Great Britain's foremost obligation, and it was receiving full attention, was a development which would give, so far as could humanly be conceived, security against invasion. This, Mr. Hore-Belisha added, they were determined to achieve.—Reuter.

Expeditionary Strength

London, Mar. 8.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the War Secretary, in presenting the War Office Estimates for 1939-1940 to the House of Commons, announced that the field force of the Territorial Army, in accordance with a recent Government decision, was being prepared, trained and equipped to meet any eventual conflict on the European theatre-of-war.

He stated that the Army's total field forces amounted to more than nineteen divisions, whereas "Lord Haladane had projected a field force of only six regular divisions and one cavalry division. Lord Haldane had not a territorial force equipped for a European war but our territorial force will be so equipped."

Mr. Hore-Belisha revealed that in the past twelve months, Britain's military effectives had been increased by 83,000 men.

The Army's nineteen divisions were divided into the Regulars and Territorials. The Regulars included four infantry and two armoured car divisions, while the Territorials included nine infantry, three motorized and one armoured car divisions.

He stated that, in addition, there were two Territorial cavalry brigades and a number of unattached Regular and Territorial units.

"Exclusive of British troops in India and Burma, we have 531,353 effectives of all ranks. The corresponding figure last year was 448,625," the War Secretary disclosed. "There has thus been an increase of some 83,000 men in our effectives during the past twelve months. We shall have taken 40,000 recruits into the Regular Army during the current financial year."

Air Force Strengthened

He then indicated various achievements attained during the current year. Anti-aircraft defence units have been increased from two to five and will be further increased to seven. The number of anti-aircraft batteries will be increased by from 50 to 100 per cent. during the coming fiscal year, he asserted.

The cost of all these measures he estimated at £30,000,000.

"In order not to reduce field forces at home, overseas garrisons are being maintained at a level permitting them to defend themselves efficiently by their own means at the outbreak of any eventual war, he added.

This is made possible by recruiting native soldiers, chiefly at Malta, Cyprus, Ceylon and Singapore where Malayan and Indian effectives have

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Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 3/4d. U.S.$ 16 3/32

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Mar. 9.

Quietly steady conditions prevailed in the London silver market today, with quotations being fixed at:—

	Mar. 8	Mar. 9
London spot	20 5/8d.	20 1/4d.
" forward	19 7/8d.	19 11/16d.
" gold	148/2 1/4d.	148/3d.
London/New York:		
One pound U.S.$4.6906		$4.6903
One U.S. dollar 51.166d.		51.169d.

—Reuter.

France Relieved, Italy Silent

Berlin Wants Facts On Conditions When Britain Will March

London, Mar. 8.

The statement by the Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, in the House of Commons, created a sensation today, especially that part of it asserting the Territorial Army to be prepared for a continental war.

This declaration was taken as evidence that British military schemes call for large-scale support of France in war.

Spokesmen in the House, taking the floor after Mr. Hore-Belisha approved his statements. Among these speakers were Colonel H. L. Nathan, Labour member for Central Wandsworth, and Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Conservative member for St. George's, Westminster, and former First Lord of the Admiralty.

These two members were particularly remarked among the supporters of the War Secretary's policy because they were previously stated to be in the opposition camp.—Havas.

France Greatly Relieved

Paris, Mar. 8.

France warmly welcomed the statement of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the British War Secretary, envisaging the dispatch of an expeditionary force in the event of a European War, an official spokesman declared today.

This statement, he said, had greatly relieved the fear that France would have to bear the main brunt of any attack for several months, while Great Britain was training and equipping a force for service on the Continent.

The statement, it is considered here, will greatly still recurrent agitation in France for the introduction of conscription in Great Britain.—Reuter.

Berlin Very Interested

Berlin, Mar. 8.

The greatest interest is shown here in the statement of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the British Secretary of State for War, on the question of possible British armed intervention on the continent of Europe.

"It is not so much the figures which interest Germany," a political spokesman told Reuter, "as the question of when, where and in what circumstances Britain's forces would be set in motion."

The number of divisions in the British Army are described here as quite a formidable Army, which has an advantage in that many of its units have had military experience in the Colonies."

Political quarters here tend to place Mr. Hore-Belisha in what is termed the "Roosevelt Camp."—Reuter.

Italian Press Silent

Rome, Mar. 8.

A military expert, interviewed regarding the statement of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the British War Secretary, professed to be "not particularimpressed by Britain's war plans."

He confessed, however, that the subject was "unprofitable" to discuss. The expert declared that the Rome-Berlin Axis could "put about 200 divisions in the field at the start of any general conflict, Italy having available 10,000,000 men for about fifty divisions."

The speech has hitherto not been issued by any official news agency, and has not appeared in any evening newspaper.—Reuter.

Food Shortage Causes Alarm in Moscow

"Izvestia" Blames Poor Management

Moscow, Mar 9.

The growing scarcity of food supplies, especially vegetables and meat, in all the large cities of the Soviet Union, and above all in Moscow and Leningrad, is making itself felt to an alarming degree, according to a report published by "Izvestia," official government organ.

The paper reveals that owing to bad management and inefficient distribution 47 per cent. of the entire supply of potatoes and other vegetables destined for Leningrad are going to waste because of the deplorable state of storage facilities. The percentage of rotting food supplies is said to be as high in Moscow as in Leningrad.

Meat scarcity is especially acute in Moscow and has necessitated government intervention. "Izvestia" ascribes the meat shortage, in the main, to the deplorably bad management of the state-operated cattle farms, the production of which is declining in spite of increasing government subsidies.—Trans-Ocean.

Five Italians to Be Tried in France

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Djibouti, Mar. 8.

Five Italians, charged with espionage, were placed aboard the liner Athos today to be sent to France, where they will be tried.—Reuter.

Increase in Rates Criticized

Reconstruction Work May Be Hampered, Say Japanese On Learning Council Plans

Action of the Shanghai Municipal Council in increasing tax rates was criticized by the Japanese daily "Shanghai Mainichi" yesterday as a measure which will "retard reconstruction work in Hongkew."

The taxes are going to be raised, the paper said, in order to increase the salaries of S.M.C. officials at the expense of, among others, the Japanese who are working strenuously to carry on reconstruction projects in Hongkew. This will cause disputes and adverse criticism among the Japanese, the paper stated.

Differences in land assessment values north and south of Soochow Creek were emphasized by a Japanese official of a landowners' association who was quoted as having told the "Mainichi" that assessments in Hongkew should be lowered according to the real value of the land in relation to assessments south of the creek.

"Assessments should be revised on the basis of the economic value of each lot," the Japanese official was reported to have said. "Japanese residents are affected more by the house tax than the land tax. Suitable measures should be considered before the convention of the house tax committee on April 25."

THE CINEMA

Walt Disney's Cartoons

One cannot fail to be enthralled by Mr. Walt Disney's creations in the realm of fairy tales and it is therefore a pleasant change to see a complete programme devoted to his shorts, an idea for which the Metropol Theatre, which opened with it yesterday, should be warmly congratulated.

It is impossible to do anything but to give well-deserved praise to the creator of these cartoons as well as to his numberless collaborators who, in an untiring quest for novelty in what ordinarily would be considered a beaten track, rarely fail to enthuse their audiences.

In the present programme, ten of the most popular cartoons have been incorporated and judging by the reception they were given yesterday, the "House Full" sign should be displayed on a number of occasions during the run of this programme and particularly during the afternoon performances when children will probably comprise the majority of the audience.—A.S.I.

"Suez"

Ferdinand de Lesseps ....Tyrone Power
Countess Eugenie De Montijo ....Loretta Young
Toni Pellerin .....Annabella
Prince Said .....J. Edward Bromberg
Vicompte Rene De Latour ....Joseph Schildkraut
Count Mathieu de Lesseps ....Henry Stephenson
Marquis Du Brey ....Sidney Blackmer
Mohammed Ali ....Maurice Moscovich
Sergeant Pellerin .....Sig Rumann
Sir Malcolm Cameron ....Nigel Bruce
Benjamin Disraeli .....Miles Mander
Prime Minister .....George Zucco
Louis Napoleon .....Leon Ames
Maria De Teba .....Rafaela Ottiano
Victor Hugo .....Victor Varconi
Bank President ....Georges Renavent
General Changarnier ..Frank Reicher
Count Hatzfeldt .....Carlos De Valdez

Not only is "Suez," which opened at the Grand Theatre yesterday, a masterpiece on the part of the cast, the photographers and the technicians, but it definitely is another proof of Miss Annabella's outstanding abilities as one of Hollywood's best. It is true that from a historical point of view, the present film is incorrect, having gone through the workshops of Hollywood rewriters who so often have blundered at the expense of actual facts, but in the present instance, the interest of the audience is maintained throughout and at least for once, fiction has done nothing either to degrade the truth of the actual story or to make it seem unreal. Technically, the sand-storm, is probably the best bit of tricking that Hollywood specialists have ever conceived and that scene alone, which takes up several minutes, is well worth the price of admission. Needless to say, Miss Loretta Young and Mr. Tyrone Power are at their very best, although, as already mentioned, the reviewer opines that stellar honours should go to Annabella who in "Suez" portrays the part of a *gamine* full of love for the builder of the Suez Canal, and who displays this in every conceivable way, even though this love is not returned.

Due to the length of the film, only a newsreel precedes the actual feature and all lovers of real cinema art should make it a point of not missing the present attraction at the Grand Theatre.—A.S.I.

"There's That Woman Again"

Bill Reardon .....Melvyn Douglas
Sally Reardon .....Virginia Bruce
Mrs. Nacelle .....Margaret Lindsay
Tony Croy .....Stanley Ridges
Charles Crenshaw .....Gordon Oliver
Fiannigan .....Tom Dugan
Johnson .....Don Beddoe
Rolfe Davis .....Jonathan Hale
Mr. Nacelle .....Pierre Watkin
Stone .....Paul Harvey

Driven to distraction by the "helpfulness" of his wife Bill Reardon (Mr. Melvyn Douglas) as a private detective has many troubles in "There's That Woman Again" which opened yesterday at the Cathay Theatre. His hands are almost constantly tense in their eagerness to strangle the pretty little lady who causes him more trouble than the most complex case of crime. Popping up unexpectedly at all the wrong places, Miss Virginia Bruce plays the part of the wife in such a way that a new light is thrown on her versatility which obviously includes a talent for light comic drama. Mr. Douglas, on the other hand, manages to register exasperation which nearly reaches a homicidal degree humorously although almost incessantly. There are some good scenes in this murder mystery, one of the best being that in the subway which begins peacefully and ends in pandemonium thanks to another idea by the detective's little wife. The murder mystery side of the story is so subordinated to the more humorus angles that one loses interest in who committed the foul deeds (two murders) while enjoying the soft-headed antics of the detective's little helper.

"Screen Snapshots" which shows an amusing contrast between old-time and present-day Hollywood and then a good "Charlie Chase" comedy precede the main attraction.—S.R.R.

Britain Upholds China Currency Stability

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of pounds sterling. "Yes," answered Sir John, and added that, "the stability of the Chinese dollar is a matter of great importance to this country in view of our financial and economic relations with China."

"The Chinese Government," Sir John continued, "have achieved considerable success in their efforts to maintain the convertibility of the Chinese currency for trade transactions, to limit its depreciation in exchange against the pound sterling and to keep the rate reasonably stable for many months.

"They have now informed His Majesty's Government that they intend to continue their existing monetary policy and that, as a part of that policy, they desire to establish an exchange stabilization fund of £10,000,000 in addition to their other reserves.

British Banks Assist

"They have invited two Chinese banks to subscribe to a total of £5,000,000 to the fund, and two British banks, namely the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank, to supply a further £5,000,000 between them.

"The British banks have agreed to subscribe this amount subject to their receipt of an undertaking from the Treasury to reimburse them for any loss that might be incurred when the fund is wound up."

Sir John added, "Arrangements would be that the fund would be operated for twelve months, but it could be continued for further periods of six months by agreement. should the necessity arise, however, the fund could be wound up at any earlier time.

"His Majesty's Government would welcome the establishment of a stabilization fund the successful working of which would render material assistance to British trade and enterprise in China.

"The Treasury have agreed, subject to legislative approval being obtained, to give these (British) banks the guarantee against loss for which they ask. A Bill is being prepared and I hope to be able to present it early next week," he declared.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger, Labour member for Bassetlaw, Notts., then inquired as to the attitude of other powers and he asked whether the United States Government had been consulted.

Other Governments' Aid

Sir John stated that he did not doubt that the other Governments would approve of Britain's decision, and he added:

"Other countries besides our own have made contributions in different forms and I hope that when the time comes to see the Bill, the House will think this a suitable contribution."

Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones, Labour Member for North Aberdeen, asked whether the British Government would participate in the administration of the Chinese fund.

"Yes," Sir John replied. "The arrangement is one whereby the management of the stabilization fund, which is a most technical and careful matter, will be in the hands of a special committee and there will be on this committee members responsible to the British Government."

No Attack on Japan

The Chinese Exchange Equalization Fund will probably be established in London and will probably function similarly to the British Fund, it was stated here today.

Britain's decision to support China's currency, by aiding in the establishment of the Chinese Fund, is not discriminatory against Japan although it was taken within the bounds of the policy of friendly neutrality towards China, authoritative quarters continued.

The decision by the Treasury to guarantee British bank subscriptions to the Chinese Fund, may be followed by other measures of support for China, they added. Britain's action was taken chiefly with the aim of protecting British trade rather than purely financial interests in China. As such, it is by no means unfriendly to Japan, the same circles stressed.

Should the Japanese Government make representations here over Britain's support of the Chinese dollar, London's reply would be drafted along such lines, they stated. They recalled that the Japanese Government have often emphasized the necessity to defend Chinese currency by their own methods. The British Government are equally anxious to defend the Chinese dollar and are employing methods with a view to the protection of British trade.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi's Views

"British co-operation with China at this juncture indicates an increasing awareness of the fact that Western interests, at home as well as in the Far East, can now be best maintained by the fullest legitimate support of China," Dr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, commented today upon Sir John Simon's announcement in the House of Commons.

"The British Government's announcement of a joint Exchange stabilization fund for China doubly reflects China's solvency alike in her finance and trade and in her territorial administrative scope.

"This arrangement will be warmly welcomed in my country not only for its immediate help but also as evidence that the community of Anglo-Chinese interests is to be protected," Dr. Quo concluded.

"Financial Times" Comment

"Welcome from all points of view" is how the "Financial Times" termed the British Government's decision to guarantee China's new Equalization Fund.

"For British traders in the Far East and for British holders of Chinese bonds, this is cheering news indeed," the paper added, "for the interests of both are closely bound up with the maintenance of the currency's stability. Though the necessary sterling resources will actually be provided by two Chinese Government banks and two British banks operating in China, the establishment of the Fund has been made possible only by the indispensable financial guarantee from the British Government. At first sight, it might seem that even the stabilization credit must indirectly assist in the import of armaments and have a military significance. In fact, every precaution has been taken to ensure that this is not the case.

Arms Purchase Separate

"It seems that the Chinese Government has allocated to the purchase of war materials proceeds from specific exports. If a pressure on currency were to arise, it is far from certain that those resources would be used to support it. The actual administration of the fund will be under a control committee completely independent from the Chinese Government. It would thus be incorrect to regard the move as in any way directed against Japan.

"This does not mean that Japan is likely to rejoice at it," the paper continued. "Henceforth, China will be almost a member of the Sterling bloc and any threat against the Chinese dollar from the establishment of the Yuan can now have little importance. But the Japanese have no legitimate cause for complaint. One could wish that the opposite were true. Not merely our own interests, but common decency also demands that we should support China against wanton and brutal Japanese aggression. Yet hitherto only America has given any real assistance: our own contribution has been limited to a few hundred thousand pounds for the purchase of lorries. Yesterday's move was the first constructive step which the Government has seen fit to take. It should not be allowed to rest until this country has done its utmost to help China defend herself against Japanese domination," the "Financial Times" concludes.—Havas.

Lightning Raid on Two Hotels

Police, Russian Regiment Search Grand and Far Eastern Hostelries

Hurriedly scampering to the roof of the hotel with all the various paraphernalia used by opium smokers, two Chinese were not quite quick enough to avoid the clutching arm of the law during two lightning raids which were carried out at the Grand and Far Eastern Hotels on Yu Ya Ching Road last night. Detectives, catching sight of their heels vanishing up a narrow stairway leading to the roof of the first-named hostelry, put on all speed and the two luckless fellows were seized before they had time to dump the incriminating objects carried by them.

With the Russian Regiment, S.V.C., raiding parties from Louza police station and the Reserve Unit taking part, the two raids were carried out on a major scale, a few minutes after the arrival of the police and S.V.C. vans, the two hotels being surrounded by a ring of glinting bayonets carried by steel-helmeted Russian volunteers. With all avenues of escape blocked, the raiding police parties formed into several groups and, with pistols in hand, made their way into the Grand Hotel, which was the first to be searched.

Within a few minutes two prisoners were being led to the doorway through a crowd of wide-eyed Chinese men and women, who stood spellbound in the hotel lobby behind the rifles of Sikh members of the Reserve Unit and the steel-waistcoated uniformed police and detectives from Louza and the Reserve Unit.

These were the two men seized on the roof and, behind them, came the various objects necessary for opium smoking, with the addition of some scales and some white powder which was believed to be heroin. Meanwhile raiding parties were entering every room in the hotel surprising numerous mah-jongg parties throughout the building.

Rooms Searched

Herding the inmates into one corner while detectives searched them, other police literally went through the rooms with a tooth comb, mattresses, pillows, blankets and sheets being unceremoniously dumped on the floor while the contents of wardrobes were brought out for further scrutiny. Even hats and shoes were searched and chairs and cushions prodded before the parties were satisfied that nothing incriminating was stored there.

The raids were not without an amusing side, on more than one occasion protesting Chinese being dragged out of bed, sleepy-eyed and somewhat shocked, to submit to the customary "running over" of the Chinese detectives. Then would come a thorough searching of the bed, with the mattress thrown to one end and the pillows and sheets at the other, while the former occupant, now thoroughly awake, looked on with awe and trepidation.

Even bathroom were not exempt from the searches as one unfortunate Chinese gentleman found to his cost, when, with nothing but a lather of soap to cover his nakedness, he was asked to stand up while smiling detectives diligently searched through the hot water in the tub. Luckily nothing was found there, except some bath salts which were looked upon with some suspicion until a foreign officer explained that they were quite harmless.

Far Eastern Hotel Raided

Finding nothing more in the Grand Hotel, the raiding party quickly made its way to the Far Eastern Hotel at 10 p.m., half an hour after the start of the raid. Here the same procedure was carried out and after a few minutes' searching more opium smoking paraphernalia had been seized. Unfortunately the owners of the apparatus had fled and so there were no arrests.

A "North-China Daily News" reporter, who accompanied the police on both raids, saw the painstaking efforts taken by the detectives and uniformed men taking part, every nook and cranny coming under their gaze during the duration of the raid.

Just before 10.30 the last room in the hotel had been searched and the detectives left the establishment, entering the waiting police cars outside, which conveyed them to their respective stations. The members of the Russian Regiment boarded their lorries and soon afterwards the hostelries were doing a roaring trade as crowds of Chinese, who had gathered as soon as the raids had commenced, made their way inside to see "what it was all about."

The raids were carried out under the supervision of Mr. H. D. M. Robertson, Assistant Commissioner, while other high officials present included Supt. J. Mason, Inspector S. V. Gash and Detective-Inspector G. J. Bennett.

French Envoy Presents Credentials Today

Chungking, Mar. 9.

The new French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, will present his credentials tomorrow morning to Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese National Government.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Wang Chung-hui, called on M. Cosme yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

Inflation in Japan Unavoidable

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

Inflation is to a certain extent unavoidable in Japan, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Sotaro Ishiwatari, declared at a meeting of the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives today. The Minister added that no harmful effects need be feared.—Trans-Ocean.

Rome Moderates Her "Claims"

Marshal Goering to Mediate in Dispute Over French Rights

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Mar. 8.

It is reported that General Gambara, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Legionaries in Spain, had a 1½-hour interview with Marshal Hermann Goering at San Remo this evening.—Reuter.

Marshal Goering to Mediate

London, Mar. 8.

Seeking to settle the present Franco-Italian dispute, Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the German Air Minister now visiting in Italy, may shortly go to Paris and act as a go-between in forwarding Rome's claims upon France, it was stated here today.

He will make his trip to France at the close of his visit in Italy, and he will be accompanied by a prominent Italian personality, it was also declared.

Latest reliable reports from Rome and Berlin assert that the Italian Government have renounced their territorial claims upon France and their demands are now limited to:

1. Restoration of the 1896 statute for Italian settlers in Tunisia, whereby they were granted a limited form of autonomy within the Tunisian State.
2. Creation of a free port at Djibouti by an agreement similar to that whereby the Czechs made use of Hamburg as a free port.
3. Institution of joint Franco-Italian administration of the Djibouti-Addis Ababa railway on French territory.
4. Diminution of Suez Canal tariff rates and Italian participation in the Canal's administration.—Havas.

Libyan Forces Augmented

London, Mar. 8.

Information in the possession of Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, indicated that the Italian Government was carrying out its decision to increase the Italian forces in Libya by about 30,000 men, declared Mr. R. A. Butler in the House of Commons today.

Replying to a question, Mr. Butler stated that when this number of men had been sent to Libya, the total forces there would amount to approximately the same as before the signing of the Anglo-Italian Agreement.—Reuter.

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been increased by 1,000, and at Hongkong, where the Sino-Indian effectives have also been increased by 1,000.

Numbering 3,766 in 1937, native and Indian troops defending positions outside India will be increased to 9,500 by next year, Mr. Hore-Belisha continued.

Mechanizing Units

Dealing with home forces, he emphasized the formidable work completed during the current year, chiefly in the domain of mechanizing units and thus permitting the self-transport of half the effectives of four regular infantry field divisions.

The Territorials have at the same time been modernized and equipped with the same latest types of weapons on a scale similar to that of the Regulars.

The War Secretary then indicated methods of enlisting and sending abroad landing forces in the event of war. The Territorials would be immediately amalgamated with the Regular Army, he emphasized.

Dealing with the despatch of landing forces to the Continent, he asserted, "The whole of our Army could not arrive simultaneously on the theatre-of-war, where the Continental Armies may be already in position. Our Army would have to be despatched and would have to arrive in echelons on serial dates."—Havas.

Member of Robber Gang Seized

Two Chinese constables last night, hearing shouts after a gang of armed robbers were escaping from a house on Chengtu Road, rushed to the scene and managed to secure an unarmed member of the party, who was later taken to Sinza police station for questioning.

The robbery was perpetrated at about 8.30 p.m. when five men, one of whom was armed with a pistol, entered Lane 1050, House 26, Chengtu Road, and intimidated the inmates.

After searching the place they made off with property, the value of which is not yet known, bht one of the victims managed to raise an alarm with the result that C.P.C.s 278 and 346 rushed to the scene and caught one of the five.

No shots were fired by the robbers or police. All five men were stated to have spoken Kompo dialect.

WIRELESS telephoto communication will be opened between Shanghai and Tokyo in about the middle of next month, following the completion of tests which are to take place within the next few days, it was reported in Tokyo.

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Bankers Welcome British Credits

Believe Chinese Currency Now Stabilized; Hopes for Further Assistance

Chinese banking circles in Shanghai unanimously welcomed the news of the British credit to China yesterday and acceleration of buying activities was noticed in both the foreign exchange and domestic bond markets. Prices of the various issues of Chinese government bonds registered an increase ranging between 70 cents and 90 cents, and the gold-buying movement suffered a sudden setback. Prices of foreign currencies had dropped already on Wednesday when the British loan was heralded in financial and Chinese press circles.

Commenting editorially on the loan the "Shun Pao" expressed great relief that the British government had given the new credit to China which news, it was claimed, indicated strongly that the European Powers were ready to take postive action in assisting China in her present crisis. Concluding, the paper stated that the economic assistance would no doubt help China in her resistance but in order to stop the aggression the Powers should enlarge their scope of support by applying economic sanctions against the invading nation.

It was learnt from Chinese banking circles yesterday that the two Chinese government banks which subscribed half of the loan, as was mentioned by Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are the Bank of China and Bank of Communications, both having Mr. T. V. Soong, the well-known financier, as their director. Mr. Soong is also chairman of the board of the former bank. Chinese bankers here were quoted by the Shing Sheng News Agency as having expressed the opinion that hereafter the Chinese dollar and foreign exchange rate would be further stabilized.

Chinese bankers here also learnt with relief yesterday that Chinese bonds in the London market were following an upward trend, their prices having increased by one or two pounds.

Soochow Creek Bridges To Close at Noon

Owing to Japanese army manœuvres on the Soochow Creek today, all bridges east of Honan Road will be closed between 11.15 a.m. and 12.15 p.m. Today is Japanese Army Day and, because of other manœuvres near Hongkew Park, North Soochow, North Szechuen and Kiangwan Roads also will be closed while the Japanese army is in action. Yesterday the lower reaches of the creek were devoid of small craft.

Tokyo to Protest On China Loan

British Government Guarantee Resented As Political Move

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

Japan will protest against the proposed guaranteeing by the British Government of the £5,000,000 British share in a £10,000,000 China currency stabilization loan, well-informed quarters indicated tonight.

Measures to deal with Nationalist currency in Central and South China were regarded as likely to be intensified as a retaliatory measure.

Sir Robert Leslie Craigie, British Ambassador, this morning called on Mr. Renzo Sawada, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, to assure the Japanese Government, it is understood, that the projected loan was motivated by economic reasons and did not represent a political move.

These assurances, it was however understood, have not been accepted by the Japanese authorities who do not regard the guaranteeing of the loan as a "purely" financial move. Japanese officials tended to regard the motive of the projected action of the British Government as entirely different from that embodied in the extension of the Exports Credit Guarantee Act.

On the other hand, financial circles were inclined to consider the loan as evidence of the difficulties confronting the regime of Gen. Chang Kai-shek in maintaining the value of its currency as a result of the heavy drain on Chinese foreign currency holdings.

This situation was believed here to have prompted Britain to extend aid to China so as to prevent a complete collapse of Chinese currency with resultant heavy losses to British interests.—Domei.

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"New Order in Asia" A Subterfuge

Chungking, Mar. 9.

General Chang Chun, Secretary general of the National Defence Council, in a radio broadcast today, characterized Japan's "new order in East Asia', as another name for her "continental policy," which, he said, had 'a threefold aim:

"1. The conquest of China and elimination of foreign interests in China.

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"3. Conquest of the world, using the Far East as a base for operations."

This, declared General Chang Chun, "has been Japan's traditional and fixed policy and also Japan's absurd dream."—Reuter.

Special Japanese S.M.C. Section

Commons Told New Accord Does Not Impair Authority

London, Mar. 8.

A "special section of the Shanghai Municipal Council" to be established under the control of the Japanese, was questioned in the House of Commons today by Mr. Henry Graham White, Labour member for East Birkenhead.

Mr. White invited Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to make a statement regarding the "purpose and scope" of this section.

Mr. Butler replied that he had no information regarding actual details of the proposed functions of the special section, but he assured the House that the working understanding reached with the Japanese authorities was not of such a nature to impair the authority of the Council.

Mr. Richard Porritt, National Conservative member for the Heywood and Radcliffe Divisions of Lancashire, asked the reasons for the Japanese refusal to evacuate British-owned mills in Shanghai.

Representations over Mills

Mr .Butler replied that the Japanese authorities, despite explanations made by the British Consul-General in Shanghai (Sir Herbert Phillips) still professed doubt regarding the British ownership of three of the mills concerned.

A fourth British mill, Mr. Butler added, was situated on Point Island, which was under Japanese military occupation, and served as headquarters for the transport unit of the Japanese forces.

Further British representations, Mr. Butler declared, had recently been made in Tokyo. The Government would continue to do its utmost to secure the speedy evacuation of the mills, he stated.

Chinese Cotton Cloth Order

Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, was noncommittal when questioned in the House of Commons today on the steps he was taking to ensure the success of the negotiations between the Chinese Government and Lancashire traders for a large amount of cotton cloth.

Mr. Hudson said that he understood that tentative enquiries in this connection had been made recently, but that it was contrary to the practice of his department to disclose details.—Reuter.

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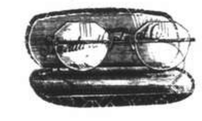

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE "North-China Daily News" learns that the Japanese, concerned in the "hit and run" case referred to by correspondents, was tried before the Japanese Consular Court on March 3, convicted and fined Yen 5.

THE Netherlands Minister in Rio de Janeiro, Jr. Schuller Van Feursum, will be appointed Minister in Burgos, according to the "Algemene Handelsblat." Gen. Franco, the paper says, has already approved the appointment.

THE Works Committee has recommended and the Municipal Council has approved that the existing landing facilities on Soochow Road immediately west of Chapoo Road Bridge be extended westward, involving part of the Chinese Public Garden frontage to the Soochow Creek.

A JAPANESE heavy bomber, brought down over Shayang in Hupeh province some days ago, has now been located, says a Chungking Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." The bomber the report adds, is still in very good condition, and was flown to Chungking on March 8 by the Chinese.

COURSES in motion picture science will be opened at Keio University in April with Professor Takaho Itagaki, noted Japanese film critic, as instructor it was announced in Tokyo. Keio University will be the first Japanese university to add a film course to its curriculum.

IT is proposed to give all those who had the honour and privilege of serving at any time in the Royal Regiment of Artillery an opportunity of getting together occasionally and with this in view arrangements are being made, for a start, to hold an informal supper at the Cockpit, 5th floor, Edward Ezra Building, 150 Kiukiang Road at 8 p.m. on Friday March 31.

THE Netherlands Government has leased a large tract of land from the township of Ermelo upon which to erect a large central camp for refugees coming from central Europe. For the time being, the camp will be used to accommodate refugees who entered Holland illegally, without proper passports or visas. The camp will be equipped to accommodate between 2,500 and 3,000 refugees.

AROUND 300,000 Chinese factory hands in Shanghai are now unemployed, according to an estimate made by the China branch of the International Labour Office, says the "Shun Pao." Shortly after the outbreak of the local hostilities in 1937, the number of unemployed labourers in Shanghai totalled around 800,000, but 500,000 of them have since found work with the factories re-established in Shanghai, the report states.

IN view of the fact that the Yellow River floods have devastated extensive areas of farmlands in northern Kiangsu, the Kiangsu Provincial Government has ordered a strict enforcement of the ban on all exports of foodstuffs, so as to conserve them for the requirements of the Chinese troops and populace, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." However, edible oils may still be exported without restriction, the report states.

MR. C. J. Chancellor, General Manager of Reuters Ltd., accompanied by his wife are leaving tomorrow in the ss. Taisang for the North. They will spend about one week in Tientsin and Peiping before proceeding home via Siberia, Mr. Chancellor having been transferred to the home office. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Keswick and Mrs. Chancellor held a farewell cocktail party, which a large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chancellor attended.

AT a recent meeting of the Education Board, it was agreed to recommend to the Municipal Council that appropriations of $190,000 and $220,000 for 1939 grants-in-aid to foreign and Chinese Schools respectively be approved. The grants for 1937 were $190,000 and $227,760 respectively; and, for 1938, $143,000 and $160,000 respectively. The reductions in 1938 were due to the lower enrolments in the schools. The Council on March 8 adopted the recommendation of the Education Board.

THE Shanghai Free Christian Church intends to observe Sunday next, March 12, as "Bible Sunday." Special attention will be called to the work of the three Bible Societies having work in China. The services will be at the regular hours, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and all offerings placed in the boxes, unless otherwise specified, on that day, will be divided amongst the American Bible Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society and the National Bible Society of Scotland.

THE building of a waterway from the Baltic to the Black Sea via the Vistula, the San, the Dniester and the Pruth is to be undertaken by Poland in the near future, state well-informed circles in Warsaw. The journey of the Polish Colonel Kowalewski to Paris, London and Amsterdam aims, the same circles state, at procuring participation of French, British and Netherlands capital in the project and the matter was also discussed when the Rumanian Foreign Minister, Mr. Gregor Gafencu, recently visited Warsaw.

THE ex-Kaiser's fifth son, Prince August Wilhelm, will for the first time since the World War come to Paris in a semi-official capacity at the end of this week. The Prussian Prince, who occupies a high rank in the National Socialist Party, will deliver a speech next Sunday at the commemoration ceremony in honour of the German soldiers who fell in the World War. On this occasion the delegation of German ex-servicemen led by the Duke of Saxe Coburg will lay wreaths on the graves of the soldiers buried in the "German Heroes Cemetery" in the Paris suburb of Ivry.

THE Netherlands Minister of Economics, Jr. Steenberg, arrived in Leipzig on Wednesday for a two-day visit to the Leipzig Spring Fair. In 1938 the Netherlands stood first on the list of all countries in the world buying from Germany! More than 21 per cent. of the Netherlands imports consisted of German goods. The Netherlands was also one of the most important countries supplying Germany who in 1938 bought fifteen per cent. of all products the Netherlands exported. This strong mutual exchange of goods was reflected in the Leipzig Fair business.

Industrial Section Estimates

Enhanced Establishment Figures Show 44 Per Cent Increase on 1938

The preliminary estimates of expenditure for 1939 of the Shanghai Municipal Council's Industrial Section were submitted to a recent meeting of the Finance Committee. It was noted that the preliminary estimates, as originally submitted by the Chief of the Industrial Section, were presented in two forms, existing establishment and enhanced establishment.

In a report submitted, the Treasurer and Controller stated that the figures relating to the enhanced establishment had been adopted as a working basis, following approval of the staff changes recommended by Miss Hinder. These estimates amounted to $83,930 for ordinary expenditure and $8,560 for stock and stores or a total of $92,490, representing an increase of $27,700 or 42.75 per cent. as compared with the budget for 1938. Adjustments having been effected where necessary, the estimates in their amended form were shown at $84,770 and $8,560 for stock and stores or a total of $93,330, representing an increase of $28,540 or 44.05 per cent. as compared with last year's budget appropriations.

Of this total comparative increase a sum of $20,330 related to the general working of the section and the balance of $8,210 was reflected in requirements under stock and stores. Staff pay and allowances and the variations in personnel already approved absorbed $9,450. Passages accounted for $4,410. Expert advisory services and statistical services accounted for $1,000 and $4,500 respectively. Other differences were of a minor character.

Cost of Living Indices

Requirements under stock and stores for the Industrial Section totalled $8,560. These were reduced by $2,000 to $6,560 and the estimates of the Section approved by the Committee.

Consideration was given by members to the item of $4,500 included in the estimates for statistical services to compile cost of living indices and also to collect data of wages and hours of labour. After discussion members agreed to approve in principle the inclusion of an appropriation and it was recommended that the compilation of cost of living indices be undertaken by the Council's Staff, detailed arrangements as to the most efficient and economical way of procuring the information required to be determined by the heads of departments concerned and to be reported for the Council's approval.

The Council on March 8 endorsed the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Incendiaries Active In Yangtszepoo

Japanese Worried by New Terrorist Move

While a lull prevails in terrorist activities in the Settlement and Concession areas, the Japanese gendarmerie are being disturbed over a series of minor outrages in the Yangtszepoo district most of which have been of an incendiary nature, the "Shanghai Mainichi" reported yesterday.

Terrorist gangs are roaming the streets of the Japanese patrolled zone in Yangtszepoo setting fire to vacant houses in almost nightly sorties, the paper said.

Said to be comprised of employees of foreign firms and factories in Hongkew, and aided by others who are alleged to have filtered into Yangtszepoo from Pootung, the terrorists are reported to be receiving from 50 cents to one dollar for each house burnt.

Yesterday's Consulate Wedding

Yesterday afternoon at H.B.M. Consulate-General, before Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, the wedding took place of Mr. H. P. Bourke, of Reuters Limited, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bourke of Shanghai, and Mrs. Marie Packwood, daughter of Mr. David H. Deacon and the late Mrs. Deacon of London. Mr. and Mrs. Bourke are spending their honeymoon in Japan.

Guerillas Attack Lungwha Station

Building Wrecked and Much War Material Taken; Chinese Killed

The Shing Lunghwa Railway Station, not far away from the South Railway Station in Nantao, was wrecked and much Japanese war material seized on Tuesday night when a company of Chinese guerillas operating in the western district made a surprise attack on the Japanese garrison force there, according to the Chinese press. Colonel Sheng Chi, commander of the Chinese company, was killed in action.

Colonel Sheng was killed by a stray bullet not at the railway station but on the Shanghai-Minghong Highway where he and his men were met by a large group of Japanese coming to the rescue of their comrades stationed at the railway station.

The surprise attack was made at about 10 o'clock in the evening when 30 Japanese railway guards stationed in that particular railway station were awakened from sleep. Without fighting they escaped and the guerillas swarmed on the platform and station wrecking everything there and seized two rifles, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and other war material.

Seeing that he had carried out his mission, Colonel Sheng ordered his men to return to their original post and it was on their way back on the highway that they had to fight. Fighting at the head of his men, Colonel Sheng was soon killed after he had ordered his men to retreat.

The late colonel is said to be only 28 years old and he served as the commander of the Third Company under the "Big Company's" commander General Ching, who is the leader of Chinese guerillas who recently found their way into the western district.

Haimen District Again Shelled by Japanese

Shipping circles in Shanghai will regret to learn today that the reopening of Haimen to shipping will have to be postponed, as it was reported by a reliable Chinese source last night that the Japanese again shelled the district on Wednesday morning. Four war vessels fired more than 30 shells, destroying several houses and killing two civilians, it was stated. Chinese military authorities in Chekiang announced last week that, as the Japanese had ceased attacking the port, shipping would be resumed. Shanghai boats proceeding to the district must be registered anew, but before the new regulations could come into effect the attack begun.

WEDDING

Bourke-Packwood

The wedding took place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at H. B. M. Consulate-General before Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, of Mr. Herbert P. Bourke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bourke of Shanghai, and Mrs. Marie Packwood, daughter of Mr. David H. Deacon and the late Mrs. Deacon of London.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. J. Chancellor, wore a silk cloqué two-piece dress in soft powder blue, and over it a wool coat to match, cut on long straight lines and tied at the neck in a narrow bow. With it she wore a silver fox fur. Her powder blue felt hat had an upturned brim, and was trimmed with a chenille-spotted veil, her shoes and accessories being of navy blue. Mrs. M. St. John Walsh acted as matron of honour, wearing a black wool suit and hat. Her blouse was of Parma violet crêpe de Chine and her corsage of Parma violets. The bridegroom's mother wore a pale lemon angora wool dress and coat, with wine-coloured hat and accessories. Mr. J. H. McKinney was best man.

At 5.30 a reception was held at the bridegroom's residence, 1 Fuhlee House, Park Road, which had been beautifully decorated with flowers by Mrs. David Bogie. The bride wore a frock of pale pink crêpe albène, cut on classic lines, the bodice and belt embroidered in silver and diamanté. With it she wore a corsage of African daisies, her only jewellery being a diamond and sapphire bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. M. St. John Walsh wore a full-skirted frock of black and white organza in a floral design. The bridegroom's monther's dress was of heavy silk in a petunia shade, worn with purple accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourke are spending their honeymoon in Japan.

Salvation Army Appeal

The 1939 Fund of the Salvation Army yesterday had risen to $60,870, officers announced. Donations are being accepted at Regional Headquarters, 422 North Soochow Road.

The list of new donations follows:

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Total	$60,870.17

Shanghai Japanese Girls Stay Single

Prefer Jobs to Matrimony Local Survey Shows; Firms Like Them as Helpers

Unlike their sisters back in Japan, the majority of Shanghai-born Japanese girls do not rush into matrimony but prefer business careers instead, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

Compared with girls born in Japan the Shanghai Japanese girls are more "progressive and modern," eager to enter into active business life, but when it comes to marriage they are prone to think several times before they leap, the Japanese daily said.

Few of the Shanghai Japanese girls enter into the state of conjugal bliss short of two years after their graduation from school. Another characteristic of the Shanghai-born Japanese girls is that they do not seek their husbands among Shanghai-born Japanese but prefer to marry natives of their homeland, according to the paper.

The reason they do not marry local youths is that most of their matches are arranged by their parents back home in traditional style and such marriages do not necessarily indicate that the girls like boys born in Japan better than the local natives, an official of the Japanese Girls' High School was reported to have told the paper.

Should Marry Shanghai Men

"These Shanghai girls should marry Shanghai-born boys for their own happiness and settle down here to devote themselves to activities for the development of China," the official said.

Senior students of the Japanese Girls' High School who will graduate within ten days are thinking seriously about their jobs, and Japanese firms prefer these Shanghai misses to those who come from Japan because the former have more qualifications, including linguistic ability and familiarity with conditions in Shanghai, the daily stated.

The Shanghai girls earn more than the average monthly salary of Y.60 when they embark on their business careers. About 20 or 30 per cent. of the prospective graduates of the high school are going to Japan to enter schools of higher learning.

Murder Investigations Proceed

Investigations were still being continued yesterday by the Yulin Road police authorities following the discovery of a decapitated body off Thorburn Road on Tuesday morning and Monday night's discovery of the body of a taxi driver on Kirin Road.

So far the deaths of the two men, Nyu Wei-ling, an iron foundry employee, and Yoong Din-ssu, the taxi driver, remain shrouded in mystery, but the police do not believe that the attack on the victims was caused by political motives.

As reported in the "North-China Daily News," Nyu was discovered lying amid ruined houses in a lane off Thorburn Road, his head being separated from his body, while Yoong was found in a garden in Kirin Road.

CAPT. Wolfgang von Gronau, who has been President of the Aero Club of Germany, has been appointed Air Attache at the German Embassy in Tokyo.

Refugee Beaten to Death

Five Camp Officials Face Court

A strong denunciation was made yesterday in the First Special District Court by Mr. Paul Ru. Municipal Advocate, against five persons who, until recently, were in charge of the No. 42 Refugee Camp in Fah Hwa Cheng and who have been charged with misappropriation of public property and with inflicting serious bodily harm causing death of a refugee. He asked the court to punish the accused severely for otherwise public-spirited people would be reluctant to support philanthropic bodies.

The five men were arrested some weeks ago following the receipt of information by the Settlement police that an aged male refugee named Chang Peh-yuen who lived in the refugee camp had been severely beaten and suffered injuries to which he succumbed while trying to escape from the camp. The victim's son informed the police of the crime and alleged that the accused had misappropriated the property of the philanthropic body secretly disposing of the refugee rice to their own advantage. His father reported the matter to the Shanghai Union of Philanthropic Bodies and was therefore beaten at the alleged instigation of the accused.

After reading the charge, Mr. Ru requested the judge to punish the accused severely explaining that the accused would be likened to cannibals who would eat men because they misappropriated property of a philanthropic body. If they went unpunished, public-spirited people would be reluctant to support philanthropic bodies and the victim would have died in vain, he stated. He alleged that the victim had undergone intolerable suffering at the hands of the accused.

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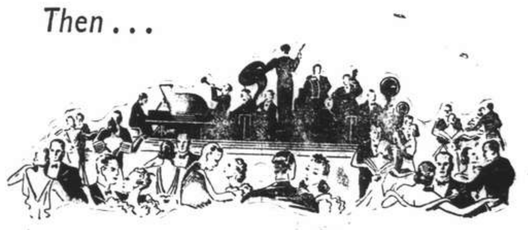

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Nationalist Forces Gather For Drive on Madrid

Gen. Franco Announces Final Offensive Now Imminent; Communist Unrest Persisting

Hendaye, Mar. 9.

GEN. Francisco Franco announced that the supreme offensive of the civil war was "imminent" today against Madrid where fighting was reported to have broken out again between Communist counter-revolutionaries and the "Peace With Honour" National Defence Council headed by Gen. Jose Miaja. An official broadcast from Madrid last night announced that Communists had renewed their opposition to the Council after hoisting a white flag earlier in the day to bring the counter-revolution to a brief armistice.

Although the Council's announcement gave no details, it was interpreted here as an indication that fighting was continuing, although earlier Madrid reports said the Communist dissenters had surrendered. The situation in Madrid was believed to be extremely grave and some circles believed Gen. Franco had decided to attack the city because he had little hope that the National Defence Council would be able to negotiate an acceptable peace for Republican Spain.

Gen. Franco's headquarters at Burgos announced that 300 Nationalist planes were prepared to take off at a moment's notice to lead the attack on the revolt-ridden Republican capital. Reports from Burgos said the National Defence Council at Madrid had failed in attempt to smash the Communist revolt and that severe fighting was in progress with Communists still in possession of their original fortified positions round several Government buildings and in the outskirts of the city.

The Burgos announcement today did not reveal exactly how long Gen. Franco would wait before ordering a general offensive against Madrid, but said the attack was "imminent." The National Defence Council at Madrid was urged to announce Republican Spain's unconditional surrender immediately to avoid further bloodshed.

Forces Concentrated

During the past 24 hours vast numbers of tanks, artillery, trucks and troops have been concentrated on the Madrid front in preparation for the attack. Included in the preparations were many trucks loaded with food which the Nationalists intend to distribute to civilians in the war-torn capital when they occupy the city.

Madrid announced last night that loyal Republican troops from the Guadalajara front had reached the capital and had broken through Communist barricades with tanks and forced the counter-revolutionaries to surrender.

Disclosure was made today that the revolt against the National Defence Council, which overthrew the former civilian government headed by Dr. Juan Negrin, had been more widespread than at first believed. Republican authorities at Valencia, Albacete, Cuenca, Jaen, Murcia, Guadalajara and Alcahenares reported that "normalcy has been restored," indicating disorders in all these Republican cities.

More Fighting Expected

Madrid United Press reports said the National Defence Council announced yesterday afternoon that Republican troops continue to occupy Communist positions in the city and on the outskirts of the capital. The city was quiet at 2.30 p.m. but renewed hostilities were awaited momentarily.

Quiet returned to the capital yesterday after the Defence Council bombed and shelled the Communist troops and issued an ultimatum ordering them to surrender immediately or the attack would be intensified. Numerous Communists were reported to have surrendered, but renewed fighting today indicated the capitulation had not been complete.—United Press.

Britain Not Mediating

London, Mar. 8.

The British Government had made no representations to the Spanish authorities concerned in favour of an armistice, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in reply to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Butler added that the Government was watching the situation, but did not consider that it was advisable at present to take the responsibility for sponsoring any particular terms of settlement.

Well-informed observers here believe that peace news from Spain is imminent.—Reuter.

Blockade Extended

Burgos, Mar. 8.

The whole of the Mediterranean Coast between Sagunto and Adra, comprising all the Republican coastline, has been closed to navigation within Spanish territorial waters, states a communique issued today by Nationalist Admiralty Headquarters. The communique adds that any ship entering the three-mile limit without the authorization of the Admiral in command of the blockade forces will be seized.—Reuter.

Two Destroyers Sunk

Bizerta, Mar. 8.

Survivors of two Spanish Republican destroyers confirmed on their arrival here today that the destroyers were sunk by Spanish Nationalist planes when they were leaving Cartagena on Sunday. The survivors were picked up by other units of the Republican Fleet and brought here.—Reuter.

Terror in Madrid

Madrid, Mar. 9.

Troops of the National Defence Council and the entrenched Communists who have defied the Council's authority paused today in their street battle.

An atmosphere of extreme tension and terror was heightened throughout the city by the Nationalists' warnings, broadcast by radio, that General Francisco Franco was massing his armies outside the gates. General Franco was prepared, the radio reports said, for an "imminent attack."

The Defence Council announced that during the last two days thousands of Communist leaders and their followers had been seized and imprisoned at Cartagena, Alicante, Valencia, Murcia, Alcala de Henares, Cuenca, Guadalajara and elsewhere.—United Press.

Valencia Tranquil

Valencia, Mar. 9.

Valencia passed a tranquil night, although precautionary measures taken by the authorities are still in evidence on many sides.

The military commander at Almeria last night issued an order prohibiting political meetings without special authorization, threatening with court martial any who defied the order.

The military commander at Murcia reported that Cartagena was quiet last night and that the last of the revolters had been suppressed. The newspapers here continue to attack Communism and to express hopes for peace.—United Press.

Final Palestine Plan Expected

British Government May Arbitrate Own Solution of Issue

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 8.

Questioned in the House of Commons today regarding the Palestine Conference, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Colonies, said that he was not yet in a position to add anything to his statement of February 27. Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Opposition Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, asked if Mr. MacDonald would give an assurance that the British Mandate remained as the basis for the Conference. Mr. MacDonald replied that the Government was still bound by the Mandate, but that beyond that he could not make any statement at present.

The remaining American members of the Jewish delegation to the Palestine Conference, Mr. Lous Lipsky and Mr. Robert Zold, after consulting the executive of the Jewish Agency, left for New York today, according to the Palestine Correspondence Bureau which understands they have been recalled by the American organization which they represent.

Mrs Rose Jacobs, American member of the Jewish delegation to the Palestine Conference, will remain in London pending further developments.

More Hopeful Prospect

A more hopeful prospect for a settlement of the Palestine issue is now seen by observers here, who state that the British Government is now in a position to work out what might prove to be a settlement. It is understood that the Government put forward certain suggestions ten days ago, and that they now have a clear idea of what reception these suggestions received from the Arab and Jewish delegates.

An authoritative announcement was made today that the British Government is considering definite proposals on the Palestine question which will be submitted to the Arab and Jewish delegates early next week. The rest of this week, it is learned, will be devoted to considering what are described as "final British proposals for an all-round Agreement on the Palestine question."

Final British Offer

The British Government is understood to be anxious to hold discussions with both the Arabs and the Jews in preparation of their proposals, which, when they come before the Conference, will constitute what the British Government regards as a basis on which it would like agreement, if agreement is possible.

While it may be possible to amend the proposals in detail, it is understood that the general principles will be maintained.

The British Government, Reuter is informed, do not regard the position as hopeless, and the Conference will be continued into next week, to see whether the British proposals can lead to a settlement.

If the proposals do not then give a basis for agreement, it is stated, the British Government will announce its policy on its own responsibility.—Reuter.

Counterfeit Notes Flood Shanghai

Ministry of Finance Warns Local Authorities

The Ministry of Finance of the Chinese Government is reported to have again ordered all provincial authorities and Chinese Chambers of Commerce to pay close attention to counterfeit bank notes representing a face value of $22,000,000 which are alleged to have been printed in Dairen.

According to the ministerial order, the fake notes have been circulated in Chekiang and Kiangsu in large quantities especially in the occupied areas where the "enemy" and Manchoukuo soldiers are said to have used the counterfeit notes to pay farmers selling rice. The counterfeit notes used in this particular case are alleged to be of $10 denomination purporting to be issued by the Bank of China.

Twenty-two million dollars in counterfeit bank notes are alleged to have been sent to Shanghai and Nanking from Dairen for circulation. According to the order "traitors" have been asked to circulate the fake notes. These "traitors" must be arrested and punished according to the Regulations Governing the Punishment of Traitors, the order is quoted as saying.

Although the origin of the counterfeit notes is a mystery to the man-in-the-street, it is a common thing in Shanghai these days that counterfeit notes, many of which are just off the press, are circulated. Complaints have often been made by Chinese housewives and in buses and shops quarrels over the use of counterfeit notes and coins are often heard.

Classroom Work for Britain's Army Officers

Scene in the new senior wing of the British Army Staff College at Minley Manor, Camberley, which was opened by the Duke of Gloucester recently. Here British officers are taught the latest tactic manoeuvres and a relief map of England is seen used for illustrating new methods of advance in road formation.

North China Divided Into Zones for Banknotes

Occupied Areas Must Accept F.R.B. Currency; Others Termed "Bandit Zones" By Peiping

Peiping, Mar. 9.

NORTH China will be divided into "Reserve Banknote zones" and a "bandit zones", according to the state of peace and order in various areas, official circles revealed today.

A "Provisional Government" ordinance provides that old legal tender notes issued by banks under old régimes will be banned from circulation and become invalid on March 11. Some difficulty is expected to be encountered in circulating Federal Reserve Bank notes in those areas where bandits and guerillas are still active, which may cause some inconvenience in enforcing the currency ordinance throughout all of North China.

As a transitional measure the new legal tender will be circulated in those zones where peace and order have been completely restored; those places will be termed "Reserve Banknote zones," while areas where guerillas operate will be called "bandit zones," where the old bank notes will be left to circulate, officials announced.

The "Reserve Banknote zones" will include those areas near the principal North China cities where the headquarters and branch offices of the Federal Reserve Bank are established. Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Tsinan, Shihchiachwang, Tangshan, Taiyuan, Chefoo, Shanhaikwan, Linfen and Sinsiang will be included in the "Reserve Banknote zones."

The "bandit zones" will be gradually merged into the "Reserve Banknote zones" as soon as peace and order are re-established.—Domei.

Slump in Old Money Predicted

North China will be completely absorbed into the "yen bloc" March 11 when currency control will be enforced simultaneously with the replacement of old banknotes by Federal Reserve Banknotes, the "Tairiku Shimpo" predicted yesterday.

The degree of influence to be exerted on Central China by the circulation of the new legal tender will be determined by the total volume of circulation and the extent to the circulation sphere of the Reserve Bank notes, the paper said.

As only Federal Reserve Banknotes are going to be used for exchange and trade in North China the old currency's value will be weakened, the paper said. The Shanghai exchange markets, however, will not be much affected, for they have long anticipated the currency question in the north, according to the daily.

The Federal Reserve Bank notes will be stabilized at 1s. 2d. through the yen, which will mean the complete inclusion of North China in the yen bloc, the Japanese daily stated.

Control of Trade

Interport trade between Central and North China will be put on a permit basis, because of exchange control in North China, the journal continued. Nothing will be imported or exported into or out of North China without the permission of the government, as a result of the currency regulations, the paper predicted.

Limitations also will be placed on remittances of yen currency from Central China to North China, creating the same situation which now prevails in connection with yen remittances to Manchoukuo and Japan from Shanghai.

Central China will be on the same basis as foreign countries, being placed outside the yen bloc.

A report received from Tokyo by the newspaper envisaged difficulty in excluding Central China from the yen bloc. Even if this were to be effected its scope would be limited, the report said.

Sinza Police Seize Robbery Suspects

Early Morning Raids Bring in Ten

Ten Chinese, suspected of various armed robberies in the Settlement, were seized by raiding parties from the Sinza Police station between 4.30 a.m. and 10 a.m. yesterday. In addition to the suspects taken into custody, the police also seized one Unique automatic, three Mauser pistols and 36 rounds of ammunition.

The first raid was carried out at Lane 31, 161 Amoy Road by Detective Sub-Inspectors E. C. Watson, J. D. Sorrie and Detective-Sergeant G. Marsden. One male and one female were taken into custody.

This was followed by another raid at 572 Fokien Road where three males and three females were arrested, and one at 435 Chekiang Road, where no arrests were made.

The last raid was carried out by D. S. I. Sorrie and D. S. Marsden at 64 Kuling Road where one male and one female were taken into custody. After questioning it is expected that the prisoners will appear in the First Special District Court on various charges of armed robbery.

China Regimes Arrange Commodities Exchange

Peiping, Mar. 9.

The negotiations between the "Provisional" and "Reformed" governments for an exchange of coal produced in North China for rice grown in Central China have made considerable progress towards an agreement, says the Chinese press.

The coal and foodstuff readjustment committee of the local Ministry of Industries has been devising various measures to lower the prices of foodstuffs and coal. As a fundamental remedy, it petitioned the authorities to effect an exchange between rice grown in Kiangsu and Chekiang and coal produced in North China.—Reuter.

NOTICE

We, the undersigned, beg to notify our customers and the public in general that we have been reluctantly compelled to make a joint increase in the price of our underwear, etc. as from March, 1939.

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The reason for this increase is due to the higher cost of silk and, since the hostilities, to disrupted communications, retarding the import of raw materials. Furthermore, the unfavourable rate of exchange prevailing and the increase of export (causing an excess of demand over supply) have rapidly encouraged this increase. The cost of silk is now $1,800 per 100 catties as against $700 previous to the local hostilities.

Exporters are able, fortunately, to make a profit despite unfavourable conditions but for retailers in Shanghai the loss is considerable. To offset this loss an increase of 30 per cent. on the sale price of all goods has been effected. We shall, however, make reductions if and when the cost of materials return to normal.

We wish sincerely to tender our apologies for the inconvenience caused to those who made purchases at the new prices without being previously notified.

We hope that, in view of the above-mentioned conditions, our customers and the public in general will sympathize with our action and will continue to honour us with their patronage.

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March 6, 1939. -2608

France to Recruit More Aviators

Organization of Sport As Air Arm Reserve

Paris, Mar. 9.

With a view to strengthening France's air arm, the Government has laid before the Chamber a bill providing for the proper organization of aviation as a sporting pastime.

The Bill envisages the enrolment of all young men between sixteen and seventeen years of age who are aviation enthusiasts and to give them organized training for a period of three years. This training, which will have a preparatory character, will be followed by training in Army aviation during the period of compulsory military service.

The scheme generally is expected to furnish France with an adequate number of pilots and mechanics, in addition to the necessary reserves in these categories.—Trans-Ocean.

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Japan Note Issues Increased

Diet Informed of Yen Bloc Self-Sufficiency Hopes in Five Years

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

Further adverse economic repercussions of the Sino-Japanese war were revealed here today when a bill authorizing from 40 to 60 per cent. increase in the note issues of three major Japanese banks was submitted to the Diet by the Government.

The new bill would permit the Bank of Japan to increase its note issue from Y.1,700,000,000 to Y.2,200,000,000 and the note issue limits for the Bank of Korea and Bank of Formosa would be raised from Y.100,000,000, to Y.160,000,000 and from Y.50,000,000 to Y.80,000,000 respectively.

The bill provides that the law would be repealed within one year after the termination of the Sino-Japanese war. The bill was presented in the form of an amendment to the law governing the note issues of various banks.

The Diet, after receiving Army and Navy budget requests totalling more than Y.2,000,000,000 this week, today heard an optimistic report on the future of the Japan-Manchoukuo-China bloc from the president of the National Planning Board, Mr. Kazuo Aoki, who said that upon completion of Japan's four-year programme of production expansion, the three nations of the proposed "Yen Bloc" would be completely self-sufficient in iron, steel, coal, zinc railway rolling stock, motor cars, shipping facilities, light metals, sulphate, pulp, amonium and soda.

Taking 1938 production as the primary basis of production, Mr. Aoki told the Diet that by the end of the four year programme in 1942, the rate of increased production on various important products and raw materials would be as follows, in terms per cent.:—Iron 250, steel 60, coal 30, copper 80, lead 90, zinc 70, natural oil 30, synthetic oil 3,000, paper pulp 20, rayon pulp 320, motor cars 500, raw wool 340, locomotives 30, passenger railcars 70, freight railcars 50, and gold 20 per cent.—United Press.

Curfew Proclaimed In Jaffa

Outrages Continue; Many Killed and Wounded

Jerusalem, Mar. 8.

Curfew has been proclaimed in Jaffa as a result of renewed outrages during the daytime.

The outrages include the shooting of an Arab orange exporter, who was wounded while walking in the street, and the shooting of another Arab in the Jaffa market place. The second Arab was seriously wounded.

Two Jewish supernumerary constables were killed, and two wounded, in an ambush this evening.—Reuter.

France Gives Big Sum To Aid Refugees

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Paris, Mar. 8.

The Finance Committee of the Chamber today, adopted a proposal to open credit for Fr.151,000,000 to relieve an estimated total of 441,000 Spanish refugees still in France. The Chamber also ratified the expenditure of Fr.32,000,000 already incurred.—Reuter.

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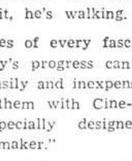

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8/16	$ 29.31
U.S. $100 @ 16/16	$625.00

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8/16	$28.656
U.S. $100 @ 16/16	$610.68
London—demand	8/16
4 months' sight credits	8 7/16
4 months' sight docts	8 1/2
6 months' sight credits	8 13/32
6 months' sight docts	8 15/32
New York—demand	U.S. $16 5/16
4 months' sight credits	16 1/2
4 months' sight docts	16 5/16

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	8 1/4 U.S. $16 9/16
Hongkong/London	1/2 1/32

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 16 1/16	$622.57
Hongkong $55	$100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherland Guilders	Buying 31
Java Guilders	„ 30 1/8
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 30 3/8
Java Guilders	„ 30 3/8

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Selling	U.S.$100=$620.155	£1=$29.091

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Tourist Lire 3.27 ..... =$1

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$100=Reg. Mk. 74.00
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Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
U.S. G.$	16 5/16	16 1/16
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Cash SELLING		Mar.-April BUYING
£ T.T.	8 1/16	4 m/s. l.c. 8 7/32
G.$ T.T.	16¼	4 m/s. l.c. 16 1/16
Fcs. T.T.	612	4 m/s. 624
Rs. T.T.	46⅜	15 d/s. 47

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 5/8	19 7/8
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	52.12	—
Bombay offtake 20 bars.		

London silver was unchanged both ready and forward, being 20 5/8 for ready and 19⅞ forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was unchanged at 52.12.

It was reported India was a small buyer and seller. Otherwise, the market ruled featureless steady. After the official fixing the market remained steady, buy idle.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 7/32 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was active and on the whole firm, registering an advance of 1/8th in sterling and ¼ in U.S.$ on the day. The market opened with sellers at 8 7/32 sterling and 16 1/16 U.S.$ for cash and after a rapid advance eased slightly only to become firm again, finally closing with sellers at:—

8 11/32	sterling	16 1/16	U.S.$ Cash
8 3/8	„	16 3/32	„ Mar.
8 7/16	„	16 3/32	„ Apr.
8 3/8	„	16⅛	„ May

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 8.

Japan	78½	London	1/5 11/32
New York	285⅜	2 mths	
Shanghai	47½	„ (sellers)	1/5 29/64
Hongkong	85¾	„ (buyers)	1/5 31/64

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	469.00	Shanghai	8 3/4 d N
Paris	176.87	Bombay	1/6
Berlin	11.68½	Hongkong	1/21/32
Amsterdam	8.82⅜	Singapore	2/3 1/2
Brussels	27.88¼	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	100.00	„ (Buying)	Unq.
Milan	89.15	C'slovakia	137.00
Berne	20.62¼	N—Nominal.	

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13½	Japan	27.36
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.15
Holland	54.15	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.65¼	C'slovakia	3.42⅞
Brussels	16.82½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.74½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.15½	Greece	0.86⅛
Norway	23.57½	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.94½	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.680	Poland	18.88
Brazil	5.90		

London	4.69 1/16
„ Demand	4.68 15/32
„ Bankers' 60 days bills	4.68 15/32
„ Commercial 60 days bills	4.68 15/32
Buenos Aires, Paper	29.10
Buenos Aires, Paper market rate	23.12
Montreal on London	4.70 7/16
	—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Mar. 8.
Fine Bank Bills, 3 months	0 9/16%
Bank Bills, 6 months	0 11/16%
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months	2¾%
„ „ „ 6 months	3¼%
Call Money	0½%
	—Reuter.

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/16%B 0 1/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 1/8%B 0 1/16%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

March 9	Closing a.m. Closing	Prices p.m. Closing
Antamok	.435	.445
Atok	.37	.38
Balatoc	9.40	9.40
Batong Buhay	.021	.021
Benguet Consolidated	13.60	13.50
Big Wedge	.345	.34
Coco Grove	.435	.435
Demonstration	.125	.13
I X L	.66	.67
Masbate	.155	.155
North Camarines	.68	.68
San Mauricio	2.25	2.20
Surigao Con., Com.	.225	.22
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	.20	.20
Suyoc	.21	.21
United Paracale	.69	.70

Turnover: 917,000 Pesos.—Reuter.

Seremban Rubber Estates Dividend

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shanghai Seremban Rubber Estates, Limited held on the March 9, it was decided to recommend to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, which is called for March 21, that a dividend of eight China dollar cents per share be paid.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Today's market was steady with a very fair enquiry. While many of the "General" issues were slightly easier at the close, there was improvement in others, such as Trams in which 1,800 shares were transacted at $39.75: Power Prefs which were done at $132; and Rubber Trust, which accounted for 7,000 shares at rates from $4.20 to $4.40. This issue closed with sellers at $4.45.

Kroewoeks. Opening at $1.32, some 14,000 shares changed hands at prices down to $1.30 at the close.

Tebongs improved from $0.91 to $0.95 in the transaction of 5,000 shares.

Power 5½ per cent. again held the debenture market with 47,000 at $90.00 and $91.00.

Official Averages

1939 High	Low	Today's Averages	Changes
153.40	105.32	General 144.17	—0.16
152.40	95.55	Rubbers 149/13	—1.41

Total 89,120 shares, 530 bonds.

Morning Session

$5,000	Cathay Land 6% Debs.	$ 47.50
$27,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	91.00
$10,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	90.00
2,000	Batu Anam	1.15
2,400	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.20
2,200	Central Prop.	15.00
118	Anglo Dutch	10.40
1,000	I. I. Trust	3.40
200	Anglo Java	16.40
135	S'hai Power (Pref)	132.00
1,000	Senawang	1.03
2,000	Kroewoek	1.32
1,000	Batu Anam	1.17
1,000	Chemor	1.48
1,800	Tram (Bearer) £1	39.75
50	S'hai Dock	106.00
2,000	Yangtsze Finance	6.85
200	Kaiping	25.75
1,000	Semambu	0.91
5,000	Tanah Merah	2.10
500	Exploration	8.20
200	Langkat	10.60
6,000	Kroewoek	1.30
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
1,000	Rubber Trust	4.25
3,000	Rubber Trust	4.20
1,000	S'hai Land	9.50
1,000	Kota	3.05
2,000	I. I. Trust	3.35
100	C. G. Omnibus	24.25
500	Yangtsze Finance	6.80
500	Exploration	8.25
500	Exploration	8.20
500	Exploration	8.25
14	S'hai Power (Pref)	131.50
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	132.00
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
500	S'hai Land	9.55
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.95
100	Wheelock	35.25
1,000	Rubber Trust	4.30
700	Wheelock	35.25
200	Anglo Dutch	10.40
10,000	Kelantan	0.43
1,000	Rubber Trust	4.40
1,000	Kroewoek	1.31
1,000	Tebong	0.91
1,000	Tebong	0.93
3,000	S'hai Land	9.50

ODD LOTS

300	Batu Anam	$ 1.16
8	S'hai Power (Pref)	132.00
100	New Eng. (Ord)	7.00
62	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.10
300	Senawang	1.00
500	Kroewoek	1.30
50	Kaiping	25.50
500	Rubber Trust	4.25
200	Auto Palace	13.00
500	Rubber Trust	4.25
100	New Eng. (Ord)	7.00

Afternoon Session

$10,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 90.00
$1,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	$ 57.50
100	Anglo Java	$ 16.20
200	C. G. Omnibus	24.25
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.20
300	Central Prop.	15.00
1,000	Langkat	10.70
200	Wheelock	35.00
1,000	Kroewoek	1.31
1,000	Rubber Trust	4.40
3,000	Tanah Merah	2.12½
1,000	Kroewoek	1.31
7,000	Kelantan	0.44
500	Exploration	8.20
300	Wheelock	35.25
100	S'hai Telephone	80.00
2,000	Tebong	0.94
500	S'hai Land	9.55
3,000	Kroewoek	1.30
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.10
1,500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.90
1,000	Tebong	0.95
100	Wheelock	35.00
100	Kaiping	25.75*

ODD LOTS

200	Exploration	$ 8.30
500	Millington	2.00
100	S'hai Land	9.45
75	Ewo Mills (Ord)	18.30
50	Tram (Bearer) £1	40.00
48	Fonciere & Immob.	180.00

*—Outport Business.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 8.

Steady conditions prevailed in the commodity markets, with the exception of wheat which ruled easy on an absence of demand and fear of pressure from Argentine shipments.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 8 1/16 —1/16: sellers 8⅜ —1/16: Apl./June del. buyers 8⅜ unc; sellers 8 1/16 —1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers): May 6/3, +1½: Aug. 6/3 +1 1/2: Dec. 6/1½ +¾.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 6/3¾ +½: May 4/5, —⅝: July (new contract) 4/4½, —⅜.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 5.01 —2: May 4.96 —3: July 4.78 —4 Oct. 4.62 —2. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract. Mar. 7.05 +1: May 7.07 —1: July 7.12 —1; Sept. 7.12 —1.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. Cash sellers £43 7/8 +⅝; 3 mths del. sellers £43 1/4 +⅝. Electrolytic buyers £48½ +1; sellers £49. +1½. Tin, Stan. cash sellers £215¾ +½; 3 mths del. sellers £215¼ +¾; Lead, For. official price, sellers £14 1/8 +1/16 3 mths del. sellers £15, +⅜. Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £13⅞ +⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £14⅛ +⅛.—Reuter.

Dominion Rubber Co. Report

Messrs. A. R. Burkill & Sons, Ltd., Secretaries & General Managers of the Dominion Rubber Company, Limited, announce that the profit for the year ended December 31, 1938, amounted to $23,453.63 which added to the sum of $10,033.08 brought forward from previous year, makes a total of $33,486.71 at credit of Profit Loss Account.

At a meeting of directors held yesterday, it was decided to recommend the transfer of $20,000.00 from Replanting and Cultivation Reserve to Profit and Loss Account, making the total at credit of Profit and Loss Account $53,486.71, and the following appropriation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on Tuesday, March 28, 1939:—

To pay a dividend of 15 cents Local Currency per share	$30,000.00
Write off Buildings and Furniture	8,071.18
Write off Rubber Factory and Stores	4,990.00
Write off Bullocks and Carts	499.33
Carry forward	9,926.20
	$53,486.71

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 8.

Gains ranging up to three dollars or more were registered over a broad front in the stock market today, the volume of turnover expanding on the uptrend and totalling 1,050,000 shares for the session. Prices opened firm and advanced into new high ground on a wave of buying which reflected continued favourable trade news, with less attention being given to the foreign political situation. The market strength carried through to the close and, barring adverse developments, continuation of the uptrend was considered probable.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	151.56	149.17	151.42	+2.05
20 Rails	33.68	32.93	33.66	+0.86
15 Utilit.	26.35	25.93	26.24	+0.27
40 Bonds	——	——	92.00	+0.48
11 Commod.	——	——	47.94	—0.22

	Mar. 7	8
Adams Express	9⅞	10¼
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	22⅞	23½
Allied Stores	10⅛	10½
Allis Chalmers	45¾	46¼
Amerada Corp.	62¾	63½
Amer. Can	93⅜	94¼
Amer. & For. Power	3	3⅛
„ „ $7 pfd.	17½	17¾
Amer. Gas & Elec.	40	40
Amer. Locomotive	26½	27¼
Amer. Metal	36¾	37
Amer. Radiator	16½	17
Amer. Rolling Mill	18½	19
Amer. Smelting	46¾	48⅝
Amer. Sugar Refining	19½	19½
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	162	165
Amer. Tobacco "B"	88⅛	87¾
Amer. Waterworks	13½	13¾
Anaconda Copper	31½	32¾
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	38¼	39⅝
Auburn	4¼	4½
Baltimore & Ohio	6¾	7⅛
Barber Asphalt Corp.	18¾	19
Barnsdall Oil Co.	17	17⅜
Bendix Aviation	27	27½
Bethlehem Steel	73⅝	75½
Boeing Airplane Co.	29⅛	30⅛
Borg Warner	27¾	29¾
Briggs Mfg. Co.	27	28¼
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	11¾	11¾
„ $6 cum. pfd.	40½	41
Can. Pacific Rly.	5	5
Case, J.I.	90	94½
Celanese Corp.	22½	23
Chase Nat. Bank	B 33	B 33½
Chesapeake & Ohio	*38¾	40
Chrysler	81¾	84¼
Columbia Gas & Elec.	8¼	9⅜
„ 6% "A" pfd.	89	89½
Comi. Credit	55⅞	56½
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅝	1⅞
„ $6 cum. pfd.	63⅞	64⅜
Consolid. Edison	33¾	34
Consolid. Oil	8⅝	8¾
Continental Can	40⅛	42
Continental Oil	26⅜	27½
Corn Products	65⅞	66⅜
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6⅜	6⅜
„ „ "A"	25¼	25⅝
Deere & Co.	22⅛	23¾
Distillers Corp.	*19⅛	20¼
Douglas Aircraft	70	71⅞
Du Pont de Nemours	149¾	154¾
Eagle Picher Lead	11½	11½
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	25¼	26¼
Elec. Auto Lite	34¾	35¾
Elec. Bond & Share	11½	12⅛
„ $5 pfd.	62¼	62½
„ $6 pfd.	70¼	70½
Engineers Public Serv.	11⅜	11⅝
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	38¾	39¾
Flintkote	29½	29½
Food Machinery Corp.	B 29½	30¼
Gen. Amer. Trans.	58¼	58
Gen. Elec.	41½	42¾
Gen. Motors	50½	51⅝
Gen. Rly. Signal	24⅛	24⅜
Glidden Co.	22	22⅝
Goodrich (B.F.)	22½	23¼
„ $5 pfd.	—	70
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	34⅜	35½
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	15	15⅜
Great Nthrn. Rly.	28½	29⅝
Great Western Sugar	26⅞	27⅛
Greyhound Corp.	21⅜	21½
Hecker Prducts	11½	11½
Homestake Min.	65	64¾
Indus. Rayon	26¼	27
Int. Harvester	64¾	66
Int. Nickel	53¼	54
Int. Tel & Tel.	9⅝	9⅝
Johns Manville	B 94	97½
Kennecott	39	40½
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	50	51½
Lockheed Aircraft	32	32⅜
Loew's Inc.	49½	50
Manhattan Shirt Co.	13	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	36⅛	37⅜
McKesson & Rob.	11¾	12
Monsanto Chemical	98⅛	99⅞
Montgomery Ward	52½	53¾
Nat. City Bank	B 27	B 26½
Nat. Dairy Products	15⅛	15⅜
Nat. Distillers	27¾	27¾
Nat. Gypsum	15¼	15¾
Nat. Lead	23⅜	24
Nat. Power & Lt.	9	9¼
Nat. Steel Corp.	77	77¼
Nat. Supply Co.	12⅞	13⅛
New York Central	20¼	20⅞
Niagara Hudson Power	8⅝	8¾
North Amer. Aviation	17⅝	17¾
North Amer. Co.	25⅞	25⅞
Northern Pacific	12¼	13
Pacific Gas & Elec.	33⅛	33¼
Pacific Lighting	48¼	48¼
Packard Motors	4⅛	4⅛
Paramount Pictures Inc.	10⅞	11⅜
Pennsylvania R.R.	22¼	23½
Phelps Dodge	40⅝	41½
Phillins Petroleum	40	40½
Public Serv. of N.J.	37	37½
Pullman, Inc.	35⅜	36¼
Pure Oil	9⅝	9⅝
Radio Corp. of Amer.	8	8¼
Republic Steel Co.	21⅝	22¼
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38½	38½
Schenley	17	17¼
„ $5½ pfd.	—	73½
Sears Roebuck	75	75½
Shell Union Oil	13¾	13¾
Socony-Vacuum	13⅛	13⅛
Sthrn. Pacific	18⅝	19⅜
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	30⅛	32⅛
Sperry Corp.	44⅝	45
Stand. Brands	7	7⅛
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3⅞	B 3¾
Stand. Oil of N.J.	49⅜	50⅛
Stone & Webster	15⅝	15¾
Swift International	27	—
Technicolor	19	B 18¾
Texas Corp.	43⅜	43¾
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30	30¼
Transamerica	6¾	6¾
„ „ pfd.	32	32¼
Tw. "Century-Fox.	23⅝	23⅞
Un. Carbide & Carbon	84¾	85¼
Un. Pacific	102⅝	103¾
Un. Aircraft	39⅛	38¾
Un. Air Lines Trans.	12⅞	13
Un. Corp.	3¼	3¼
„ $3 cum. pfd.	37⅞	38⅜
Un. Gas Corp.	2¾	2⅞
Un. Gas Improvement	12⅞	13
U. S. Rubber	49⅝	51½
„ 8% pfd.	109½	111
U. S. Steel	63¾	65
Vanadium	27⅜	27⅝
Warner Bros. Picts.	5½	5¾
Westinghouse Elec.	113	115¼
Woodward Iron	B 23	24½
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	57	58
Brazil	13	13
Baltimore & Ohio	22	23
Cities Sery.	84½	85
Erie R.R.	—	12⅛
Int. Tel. & Tel.	73¾	73¾
New England Gas & Elec.	67¾	68
Peru	9⅝	9⅝
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	55⅝	56¾
Stand. Gas & Elec.	67¼	69

B—Bid *Exdividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Under the leadership of automobiles, stock prices today reached new high levels since January 4. Dealings increased on the rise and sentiment was better. Favourable news included the bullishness of most brokerage houses, General Motors' sales in the first two months of 1939 were the best in the company's history, tangible evidence that a Government-Business appeasement programme is appearing and, also, an almost general belief that steel business will soon improve. Unfavourable items included continued uncertainties regarding international political developments, small public interest in the stock market and the continued lagging of corporate financing.

Bond prices gained, featured by new record highs for United States Governmest issues.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Mar. 8.

The share market was very dull today with prices slightly weakening. Continental Rubber lost two at 208. Dessauer went one down to 111 while Verkehrswesen gained 1.5 at 119.375. Bonds stood almost unchanged.—Trans-Ocean.

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 8.

The undertone continued good on the Stock Exchange today though the general volume of trading was smaller. Textiles were in exceptionally good demand while, among foreign bonds, Chinese issues strengthened late in the afternoon following the announcement of a forthcoming £10,000,000 stabilization loan to China. Late Paris offerings checked an early advance by Kaffirs, but otherwise conditions ruled quietly steady.—Reuter.

	Mar. 7	8
Wm Loan 3½% (Red.)	£97⅞	93

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	44	43½
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1924	49	48½
Osaka, Mar. 9.		
Kogo 5%		Y.103.74

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIALS

Allied Ironfounders	19/6	19/6
Armstrong Stevens	7/9	7/9
Assoc. & Elec. indus.	44/7½	44/7½
Austin Motors, ord.	36/6	35/6
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	23/3	23/-
British American Tob.	103/9	102/6
Cable & W., new form	48½	47½
Cammell Laird, ord.	9/-	9/3
Courtaulds	28/10½	28/7½
Distillers	94/3	94/-
Dunlop Rubber	28/-	27/7½
General Elec. (Eng.)	81/-	80/9
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	107/-	107/3
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	22/9	22/9
Imp. Chem. Indus.	32/4½	32/3
Imp. Tobacco	141/3	140/-
Leyland Motors	93/3	94/3
Marks & Spencer"A" ord.	60/6	61/-
Pressed Steel, com.	17/10½	18/6
Rolls-Royce	115/7½	115/-
Smethwick Drop Forgings	16/6	16/3
Tate & Lyle	62/3	63/1½
Turner & Newall	81/9	82/1½
United Steel	24/4½	24/6
Vickers, ord.	24/-	23/7½
Woolworths	64/10½	64/10½

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	27/6	27/9
Rubber Plin. Inv.	30/6	30/9

MINES

Burma Corp.	9/3	9/4½
Commonwealth Min.	1/3	1/3
Marsman Invest.	16/9	19/-
Randfontein Ests.	37/6	37/4½
Sub-Nigel	235/-	233/9
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	10/9	11/7½

OILS

Anglo Iranian	97/6	97/6
Burmah	87/6	86/3
Mexican Eagle	7/1½	7/-
Shell Trans. & Trad.	89/4½	89/4½

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1893	£75	78
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	66½	68
4½% Anglo-French Loan	52	55
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	35	37
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	48½	51
5% Stg. Notes, 1925	14½	14½
5% Honan Rly., 1905	22	22
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	21	23
„ „ (Ger. Is.)	20	20
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14½	15
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	23	25
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	17
5% „ „ G.	16	17
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	16	17
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	16	17
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	19½	20
5% S'hai Elec. Construcion	25/- N	25/- N
5% S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
5% Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
6% Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9	9
4% H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	87	87
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	87	87
5% Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/9	18/-
5% Chosen Corp.	6/-	6/-
5% Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
5% Sula Kalumpong Rubber	21/3	21/3

N—Nominal.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 8.

The cotton market, after opening easier on lower Liverpool advices, declined sharply under general liquidation and southern selling, together with an absence of buyers, due to indications from Washington of the possibility of releases from the loan. In the late dealings a partial recovery occurred on some trade support and short-covering, prices closing 11 to 15 points below yesterday's final levels.

After an irregular opening, the market for raw rubber futures moved upward in line with the action of securities, but trading was dull and featureless. Prices ended the session 4 to 6 points up as compared with yesterday's close.

Wheat futures in Chicago eased on lower foreign advices and the poor export demand, closing ¾ cent per bushel off in all active positions.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Mar.	8.62-63 —14	May	16.78-76 +04
May	8.24-25 —11	July	16.73-73 +05
July	8.01-01 —15	Sept.	16.72-73 +05
Oct.	7.55-55 —13	Dec.	16.73-73 +06
Dec.	7.52-52 —14		
Jan.	7.53-53 —15		

New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk
May	1.15½-16 +½ B/A	Mar. (No. 1) 2.14B-15A unc.
July	1.15½-16 +½ B/A	

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	67¾-67⅞ —¾	May	48¼-48⅜ —¾
July	66-68⅛ —¾	July	49¾-49¾ —⅜
Sept.	68¾-68⅞ —¾	Sept.	50⅝-50⅝ —½

Winnipeg Wheat

May	60⅞-61	—1¼
July	61⅝-61⅝	—1⅛
Oct.	62¼-62⅜	—1¼

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Shanghai Waterworks Dividend

It is the intention of the directors of the Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd. at the general meeting to be held on March 30 to recommend on Intra-Agreement Consumers' Account for the half year ended December 31, 1938, a dividend of 3½ per cent. on 7 per cent. Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares and 3¼ per cent. on 6½ per cent. Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares, and for the year 1938 a final dividend of 5 per cent. on "A", "B" and "C" shares (or £1 per "A" and 1/- per "B" and "C" shares respectively), and a dividend on Extra-Agreement and Shipping Consumers' of 3/- per "A" share and 1.8d. per "B" share.

Dividends on "A", "B" and "C" shares covered by Shanghai Certificates will be paid by sterling warrants payable in dollars local currency at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Shanghai's) buying rate for demand drafts on London.

Government-Business Programme

Washington, Mar. 9.

The Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Harry Hopkins, announced today that he has begun to put his new Government-business co-operation programme in action.

He predicted national income in 1939 would be between $6,000,000,000 and $8,000,000,000 above the 1938 income.—United Press.

N. Y. Market Reaches New Highs

New York, Mar. 8.

Motors led the New York Stock Exchange to the highest level since January 4 today. Bonds gained, featuring United States Government issues which reached record highs.

General Motors reached the highest point this year and auto equipments and rubbers followed, establishing several highs for a year or more. Demand was acclerated as a result of publication of General Motors January and February sales figures.

Coppers developed considerable activity on higher export demand. Steels gained on the outlook for increased operations.

In addition to other favourable factors, the Hopkins National Income prediction aided the market. Estimates of high car loadings aided rails and aviations were strong. The utility average equalled the year's high but utilities were neglected in favour of industrials.

Sentiment was friendly and most brokerage houses were bullish. Wall Street hears that improved weather was having a favourable effect on the sale of new and used cars. National aviation's earnings this year may reach $1.75 per share. Vanadium Corp. Is regarded attractive for speculation. Some selling of National Biscuit preferred represented investment liquidation because of diminished yield.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. General Motors sales in January and February were the best in history.
2. Tangible evidences of Government-business appeasement.
3. Electricity production has gained 10.2 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.
4. The almost general belief that the steel situation will improve soon.

Unfavourable factors included these:

1. The continued small public interest in the market.
2. International uncertainties.
3. New corporate financing continues to lag.—United Press.

Settlement To Oil Dispute Being Sought

Mexico City, Mar. 8.

The first conversation between General Lazaro Cardenas, the President of Mexico, and Mr. Donald Richberg, representing the Standard Oil Corporation, took place at the Presidential Palace at noon today.

The conversations are being held with a view to settling the oil crisis resulting from the expropriation by the Mexican Government of the property of foreign oil companies.

A statement issued following today's conversation declared that both parties "consider that real progress has been made."

Mr. Richberg, issued statement saying that the discussions centred on the basic principles determing future relations between the Mexican Government and foreign capital, eschewing controversial details.

The entire discussion, he added, was amicable.

General Cardenas and Mr. Richberg will meet again tomorrow.—Reuter.

U. S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Mar. 8.

Crude oil production in the United States for the week ended March 4 averaged 3,315,000 barrels daily, according to the weekly report issued today by the Petroleum Institute of New York. This reveals a decline of 14,000 barrels each day compared with the preceding week.

The daily average output during the corresponding period of last year amounted to 3,340,000 barrels, or 25,000 barrels more than the current figure.—Reuter.

February Rubber Output

	lb.
Shanghai Kelantan Rubber Estates Ltd.	12,600

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Japan's Navy to Be Ready for Any Fleet in West Pacific

Naval Parity with Britain or U.S. Unwanted But Force Must Meet Their Strength in East

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

JAPAN plans to maintain naval strength sufficient to meet the largest British or American naval force which could hypothetically be sent to the Far East, Rear Admiral Kanazawa, Chief of the Navy Publicity Bureau, announced today. The Admiral said Japan has no intention, however, of establishing naval parity with either the American or British fleets. His statement was issued to clarify the recent statement of Admiral Mitsumasu Yonai, Navy Minister, before the Diet.

Admiral Yonai, after commenting on the naval rearmament programmes of Britain and the United States, told the Diet on March 6 that Japan was "not planning for simultaneous operations against both Powers. We are aiming to attain such armaments as will be necessary to make relative operations possible against the better equipped of the two," he said.

In explaining the Navy Minister's statement today, Admiral Kanazawa said Japan's naval policy was based on the principle of "non-menace and non-aggression but aims at securing command of the sea in the western Pacific, thereby facilitating the smooth execution of national policies."

Admiral Kanazawa said it would be necessary for Japan, in attaining her aim, to meet the largest naval force which might hypothetically be sent to the Far East by any single foreign naval Power.

Defensive Strength

"True to her policy of non-menace and non-aggression, Admiral Kanazawa said, "the Japanese Navy means to keep her naval force strong enough for defensive purposes in order to ensure a sense of security in naval defence, but not so large as to undertake offensive operations.

"This policy has been demonstrated by the fourth naval replehishment plan now before the Diet which provides for a six year building programme calling for the expenditure of Y.1,200,000,000."

The Admiral disclosed that Y.500,000,000 would be devoted to the expansion of the naval air force in the next five years while the remainder of the special appropriations would go toward improvement of ship-to-land facilities.—United Press.

Pilot's Bravery Rewarded

Mr. J. W. Hurst Receives D.S.C. for Gallant Act During Wuhu Bombing

As a reward for his bravery in effecting the rescue of the ship's company of the China Navigation Company's river vessel, ss. Tatung, during the Japanese bombing attack on Wuhu in December 1937, Mr. J. W. Hurst, Admiralty Pilot, was presented with the Distinguished Service Cross, awarded to him by His Majesty the King, yesterday evening aboard H.M.S. Scorpion, flagship of the Royal Navy's Yangtze Squadron.

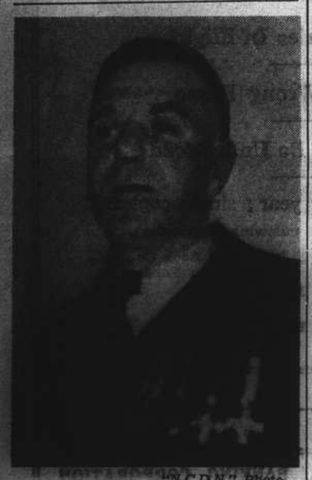
The presentation was made by Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt, Rear-Admiral Yangtze, in the presence of a distinguished company, which included Sir Herbert Phillips, H. M. Consul-General.

Mr. Hurst's Action

Before making the presentation Rear-Admiral Holt stated:

On the morning of December 5, 1937, during the bombing of British shipping at Wuhu by Japanese aircraft, Mr. Hurst took control of the tug Chenyang, displaying remarkable powers of command over a panic-stricken native crew. By his seamanlike and fearless handling of the tug he made possible the rescue of the ship's company of the ss. Tuckwo from a difficult and dangerous situation.

The Tuckwo had just arrived from Hankow for the purpose of removing British floating property from the vicinity of possible military objectives and was on the point of going alongside Messrs. Jardine Matheson's hulk Madras II with this intention, when the bombing commenced.



"N.C.D.N." Photo.
Mr. J. W. Hurst

For his services on this occasion His Majesty the King has awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross which I now have much pleasure in presenting to him.

Pilot's Tribute

On behalf of the Woosung-Hankow Pilots' Association, Capt. H. J. West stated that Mr. Hurst was one of their youngest members when they "handed him over" to the Navy. They were sorry to lose him but were proud to think that he had filled the position with credit. The company then drank the health of Mr. Hurst, who replied briefly, thanking Rear-Admiral Holt for the honour bestowed upon him.

Among those present were: Mrs. J. W. Hurst, wife of the recipient; Mrs. Holt, Miss Holt, Capt. L. S. Saunders, Comdr. and Mrs. E. A. Jolley, Paymaster Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. R. M. P. Skinner, Mr. W. B. Rigden, Mr. A. V. T. Dean, Comdr. F.H.E. Skyrme, Mr. C. M. MacDonald, Lieut. Comdr. E. Neville, Lieut. Comdr. E. B. Carnduff, Lieut. Comdr. C. J. O. Malcolm, Lieut. Comdr. W. J. G. Prophitt, Lieut. D.W.E. Chubb, Mr. Stewart Deas, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacDonald, Capt. J. W. Tinson, Marine Supt., Butterfield & Swire (Agents for the China Navigation Co.), Capt. A. R. Williamson, Marine Superintendent, Jardine Matheson & Co., Mr. G. F. Swettenham, and Mr. F. Geyer.

Japanese Munitions Burn

Another Fire Destroys Naval Warehouses

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

Fire of undisclosed origin destroyed five wooden naval warehouses at Yokosuka on Monday night, Japanese naval authorities disclosed today.

The fire resulted in the second serious loss of Japanese munitions in a week. The first incident occurred on March 1 when an Army dump exploded at Hirakata, killing and wounding hundreds of residents and practically wiping out the entire village.

Buildings adjacent to the naval warehouses which burned on Monday night were not damaged, the announcement released today said. No casualties were reported. The announcement omitted mention of the amount of the damage.—United Press.

Japan Claims Axis Pact Not Weapon

Mr. Arita Says Powers Mistake True Objective

Tokyo, Mar. 9.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, told the House of Representatives on Monday that "the attitude of Britain, France and the United States in apparently regarding the alignment of Japan, Germany, and Italy as a combination of totalitarian states in antagonism against the democracies is a mistaken observation," according to a stenographic record of his statement released to the press last night.

It has been repeatedly pointed out by the Premier, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, he said, that Japan banded together with Germany and Italy to oppose the Comintern and "there was nothing beyond that."

"Existence of the tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact has never meant antagonism of its signatories to the democracies," the Foreign Minister reiterated. "At the same time," he remarked, "the tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact alone is not sufficient for successfully constructing a new order in East Asia and establishing Japan's position in the world. For this purpose it is necessary to make Britain and the United States understand the position and attitude of Japan."—Domei.

FUNERAL

Miss Mary Jane Irvine

In the presence of a very large attendance of mourners both foreign and Chinese, the funeral took place at Pahsienjao Cemetery yesterday afternoon of the late Miss Mary Jane Irvine of the Women's Union Missionary Society, whose death occurred at the Country Hospital on Monday at the advanced age of 86 years. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. F. L. Hawks Pott of St. John's University. Hymns in English and Chinese were sung by the congregation, while Mrs. Dunlap rendered a solo. Dr. Frances King presided at the organ and as the coffin was being carried out of the chapel, played Handel's Funeral March. A short address was delivered by the Rev. John Yong, who spoke of the work of the deceased in the China mission field. The pallbearers were Mr. Lincoln Sha, the Rev. John Yong, the Rev. S. Anderson, Pastor K. S. Tsoh, Mr. R. J. Salmon and Mr. John A. Ely, Dr. Hawks Pott also officiated at the graveside. A beautiful sheaf of white roses from Sister Elizabeth was lowered into the grave with the coffin. Among those sending wreaths were:—

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Evans, Miss Ethel Margaret Allen and Alice Allen, Miss Jewell, Mary A. Hood, Eula Eno, Chang Tsu Hwa, Christine Brunemeier, Anne Herbert, Hazel Taylor, Rose W. Palmbory, Grace I. Crandall, Mrs. West and Anna West, Minnie and Eleanor, "Mother" Lawler and E. Beatrice Lawler, Elizabeth Pollock, Mrs. M. Rawsthorne, the Rev. John K. L. Yong, Mr. and Mrs. John Yong, Mrs. W. L. New, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoadley Berckman, Miss Ella D. Leveritt, Mr. and Mrs. James Macbeth, Mrs. S. C. New, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Sha, Chao Tai Tai, Yang Tai Tai, A few friends in the C.I.M., Willie H. Kelly, R. Pearle Johnson, Lucy E. Smith, James H. Dzung, Friends at St. John's, K. S. Tsok, J. H. Dzung, S. V. Li, Beulah Chang, Mrs. Baws, Chou Kao Mei Tsin, Zao Ling Wei Tsin, Mr. and Mrs. Waung Sung Ching, Wah Shing Printing Co., Ren Yin and daughter May, Ren Yin and Carrie May, Miss Ming Mai Lee, Boy Sio Vee Ling, Mrs. B. C. Wan, Chang Yang Yao Hwa, Wong Kao Yung Tseng, Chao Ha Lau, Shan Van Old Pupils, Shan Van Girls Middle School, Cieh Tso Sung, Cieh Loo Youn, Lee Yao Sun, Tsao Kwei Sun, etc.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. Thomas Macdonald & Co.

British Engineering Union Strong

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 8.

The Amalgamated Engineering Union today announced that its membership totalled 373,913, with assets amounting to £2,766,526. It is thereby established as the richest union in Great Britain, and, probably, in the world.—Reuter.

Post Office Notices

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(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
FRIDAY, March 10.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Tsingtao M.		*20.00	7 15
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	C. of Bedford		8.00	9.00
Hongkong and Canton	C. of Bedford		8.30	9.00
Ningpo	Enderta		11.30	12.00
Ningpo	Hanna		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Taisang		18.30	20.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Taisang		19.30	20.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Soochow		19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, March 11.				
Japan and Korea Canada USA, Europe via Pacific	E/O Russia	A	*20.00	8.30
Wenchow	Pelikan		16.30	17.00
Swatow H'kong, Haiphong	Wosang		19.30	20.00
Amoy and Hongkong	Sinkiang		19.30	20.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Kiangsu	B	—	—
Swatow H'kong, Haiphong	Kiangsu		19.30	20.00
Kwangtung and Kwangsi	Kiangsu		19.30	20.00
Japan, Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai Maru		20.00	20.00
H'lulu U.S.A. (L) Canada (L) Europe (L) via Pacific	Shanghai Maru		20.00	20.00
Formosa via Keelung	Hukuken Maru		20.00	20.00
SUNDAY, March 12.				
Hongkong	Fausang		18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for U.S.A., Canada and Europe, closes at 16.00 on 10th.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 11th.
L Light mail only.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. City of Bedford, at 9 a.m. on March 10, and due Bracciano, Italy, on March 22, and London on March 23.
Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per ss. City of Bedford, at 9 a.m. on March 10, and due San Francisco of March 22.
Neth (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Rawalpindi, at 9 a.m. on March 14, and due Amsterdam on March 28 and London on March 29.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.
Air France (Hanoi-Marseilles) from Hongkong per available steamer to Hanoi every Saturday.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Air mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)
Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.
Light mails for Kiangpei Offices west and north of Jukao via Chinkiang close daily at 9.30 p.m.
Light mails for or via Hangchow close daily at 9 a.m. and 9.30 p.m.; for S.H.N.R. daily at 9 a.m.
Light mails for or via T.P.R. and north Pinghan close daily at 9.30 p.m.
Light mails for Hankow, Wuchang and Hangyang by occasional sailings direct to Hankow.
Light mails for or via River Ports beyond Nanchang per available steamer via Ninghsien.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.
Next steamer mails will be closed as follow:—
ss. Empress of Russia, via Pacific, March 11, due London April 6.
ss. Aramis, via Suez, March 14, due London April 13.
ss. Rawalpindi, via Suez, March 14, due London April 15.

Weather, Time and Tide

Friday, March 10, 1939 (20th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI			
	March 8		March 9	
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	30.01	30.04	29.97	30.00
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.08	—0.06	—0.06	—0.07
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.02	—0.03	—0.04	—0.04
Wind (direction)	E	ENE	ENE	ENE
" (miles per hour)	13.7	8.7	9.3	14.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	50.5°	48.°0	48.7°	50.0°
Humidity %	85	98	87	100
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	0.00	—	0.03	0.00

Siccawei Abridged Report March 8	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.04	—0.07	30.19
Temp. Min. 43.°7 Max. 54.°3	49.°0	+1.°0	44.°3
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	6.06	0.03	5.14

Time and Tide	10/3	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.12	6.10	6.09	6.07	6.06
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.58	17.59	17.59	18.00	18.01
Moon rises at Shanghai	22.51	23.48	—	0.40	1.28
Moon sets at Shanghai	8.48	9.44	10.31	11.20	12.11
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	13.35	14.08	15.10	16.35	18.10
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	6.00	6.50	7.44	8.56	10.00
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	15.15	15.41	16.31	17.35	7.18
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	8.90	8.55	7.53	7.08	6.33

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Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From **HONGKONG:** Empress of Russia, with mail, due 4 p.m., Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty 5.15 p.m.
Sinkiang, due a.m., French Bund.
Kiangsu, due a.m., French Bund.

From **TIENTSIN:** Woosang, due 10 a.m., Roosevelt Terminal.

From **SYDNEY:** Llandaff, due 2 p.m., Buoys 33-34.

From **LOURENCO MARQUES:** Fernmoor, due 5 p.m., Buoys 31-32.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA

Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4

From COPENHAGEN

Java	30/12	19/3
Kina	1/2	29/3

From OSLO

Talleyrand	17/1	15/3
Titania	17/2	13/4

From HAMBURG

Potsdam	18/2	27/3

From BREMEN

Neumark	24/1	18/3
Ramses	7/2	31/3
Kulmerland	21/2	12/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4

From ROTTERDAM

Shantung	15/2	27/3

From ANTWERP

Arendskerk	23/1	13/3
Aller	26/1	14/3
Glenbeg	21/1	22/3
Marburg	8/2	22/3
Glenaffaric	4/2	1/4
Franken	24/2	11/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Denbighshire	4/3	29/4

From GLASGOW

Ajax	28/1	18/3
Hector	11/2	31/3
Menestheus	25/2	13/4

From LIVERPOOL

Tantalus	28/1	13/3
Philoctetes	11/2	24/3
Menestheus	4/3	13/4
Teiresias	25/2	14/4

From LONDON

Hakozaki M.	3/2	13/3
Somali	4/2	20/3
Corfu	10/2	20/3
Suwa M.	17/2	28/3
Chitral	24/2	2/4
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Glenapp	4/3	16/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4

From MARSEILLES

Chenonceaux	17/2	21/3
Mar. Joffre	3/3	31/3
Terukuni M.	9/3	7/4
Titania	10/3	13/4

From GENOA

Victoria	23/2	20/3
Kulmerland	10/3	12/4
Abbekerk	10/3	15/4

From TRIESTE

Cortellazzo	20/1	16/3
C. Verdi	8/3	2/4
Arabia	20/2	20/4

From PORT SAID

Potsdam	4/3	27/3
Kina	28/2	29/3
Hector	1/3	31/3
Mar. Joffre	7/3	31/3
Chitral	8/3	2/4

From SUEZ

Suwa M.	3/3	28/3
Protesilaus	28/2	31/3
Ramses	2/3	31/3
Glenaffaric	2/3	1/4

From COLOMBO

Cortellazzo	20/2	16/3
Victoria	9/3	20/3

From PENANG

Marburg	6/3	22/3

From SINGAPORE

Aller	3/3	15/3
Ajax	7/3	18/3
Corfu	10/2	20/3
Somali	10/3	20/3
Glenbeg	10/3	22/3

From SOERABAIA

Tjinegara	24/2	12/3
Tjisalak	20/2	12/3

From MANILA

Arendskerk	9/3	13/3
Hul. Maersk	8/3	14/3
Tallyrand	5/3	15/3
Tai Ping Yang	8/3	16/3
Java	4/3	19/3

From SAIGON

Chenonceaux	10/3	21/3

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

Acadia	28/2	15/3
Tai Pin Yang	30/1	16/3
Eurybates	27/1	21/3
Anna Maersk	10/2	28/3
Cingal Prince	11/2	29/3
Irisbank	7/2	1/4
C. Athens	18/2	15/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Agepenor	27/2	21/4
Foylebank	6/3	23/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4

From SAVANNAH

Agapenor	5/3	21/4

From PANAMA

Ivaran	8/3	19/4

From SEATTLE

Ixion	17/2	23/3

From VANCOUVER

E of Asia	4/3	20/3
Ixion	25/2	23/3

From LOS ANGELES

Pres. Pierce	20/2	15/3
Acadia	17/2	15/3

From LOS ANGELES

Eurybates	17/2	21/3
Kamakura M.	27/2	26/3
Anna Maersk	3/3	28/3
P. Coolidge	6/3	28/3
Silverteak	4/3	7/4

From SAN FRANCISCO

P. Coolidge	10/3	28/3
Cingal Prince	2/3	29/3
Irisbank	28/2	1/4

From HONOLULU

Pres. Pierce	2/3	15/3
Kamakura M.	7/3	26/3

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From OTARU

Burdwan	7/3	19/3

From YOKOHAMA

Rawalpindi	7/3	12/3
Memnon	10/3	16/3

From KOBE

Rawalpindi	10/3	12/3

From NAGASAKI

Shanghai M.	10/3	11/3

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN

Boissevain	15/2	24/3

From MONBASA

Boissevain	4/3	24/3

From MELBOURNE

Nellore	4/3	10/4

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN

Hoten M.	9/3	11/3
Glenogle	10/3	12/3
Burgenland	7/3	18/3

From TIENTSIN

Hupeh	8/3	11/3
Fausang	8/3	11/3
Yusang	10/3	13/3
Shuntien	12/3	15/3
Chaksang	16/3	19/3

From AMOY

Tjisalak	8/3	12/3

From HONGKONG

Esang	8/3	12/3
Tjinegara	5/3	12/3
Hakozaki M.	10/3	13/3
Tantalus	7/3	13/3
Kanchow	10/3	14/3
Tsinan	9/3	14/3
Shantung	11/3	16/3
Mingsang	12/3	16/3
Kiungchow	13/3	17/3
Neumark	15/3	18/3
Taiyuan	14/3	18/3
Tingsang	15/3	19/3

From KEELUNG (Formosa)

Tyosa M.	15/3	17/3

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Taisang, March 8, from **Hongkong and Ports:** Dr. D. L. McWriter, Miss T. Labuttina, Mr. Kortenoever, Mrs. & Miss Pasco, Mrs. Huschalrath, Mr. G. H. Thomas, Mr. R. H. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Dupuy, Mrs. B. Lea, Miss J. M. Barrie, Mr. M. Gershkovich, AB. C. M. Rollisson, Ptes. W. Richardson, A. Court, R. Hawkins. G. Heath, C. Long, E. Wells, Drummer G. Jackson.

DEPARTURES

Per Isabel Moller, March 9, for **Chinwangtao:** Mr. G. Schultz, Mr. & Mrs. J. Allan, Mr. R. C. Robson.
Per Kwaisang, Mar. 10, for **Tientsin and Ports:** Mr. A. R. Pacifer, Mr. Gurievitch, Mr. & Mrs. J. Owi, Mrs. Vinogradoff, Mr. Y. T. Yu.

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

SOOCHOW Mar. 11. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Saturday, March 11, at daylight. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 10-3

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

TAISANG Mar. 11. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 11, at 6.30 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 10-3

CHENGTU Mar. 14. WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, Mar. 14, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire. Tel. 82020. (French Bund). 13-3

E-SANG Mar. 14. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, March 14, at 9.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 14-3

KANCHOW Mar. 16. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Thursday, March 16, at 7 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 15-3

MINGSANG Mar. 18 CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Saturday, March 18, at 8.30 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 17-3

SOUTH CHINA COAST

KIANGSU Mar. 12. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Sundayy, March 12, at 6.30 a.m.. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 11-3

SINKIANG Mar. 12. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Sunday, March 12, at 6.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 11-3

WOSANG Mar. 12. SWATOW, HONGKONG and HAIPHONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, March 12, at 7 a.m. freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-3

FAUSANG Mar. 13. FOOCHOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Monday, March 13, at 8.30 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 12-3

TSINAN Mar. 15. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—French Bund on Wednesday, March 15, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 14-3

TJINEGARA Mar. 16. AMOY, HONGKONG, MANILA, CEBU, MENADO, MACASSAR, BALI, SOERABAIA and JAVA N.C.—The J.C.J.L. ms. "Tjinegara" sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Thursday, March 16, taking cargo to Java and transhipment in Java. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European, Australian and African Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 lines). 15-3

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JAPAN

TANTALUS Mar. 15. KOBE, OSAKA, YOKOHAMA and OTARU.—For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 15-3

STRAITS AND EUROPE

C. OF BEDFORD Mar. 10. HAVRE, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—The Ellerman Line steamer City of Bedford is due to sail for Harve, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Glasgow on March 10, 1939. Lacey & Cannan, Ltd. Tel. 12853 (3 Lines). 10-3

GLENOGLE Mar. 11. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-3

ARAMIS Mar. 14. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 French Bund. Tel. 82034. 14-3

RAWALPINDI Mar. 14. MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 10.30 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1939. Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 & 3 p.m. on Monday, March 13. Customs Permit required for any nailed cases. For freight and passage apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. 11428. 14-3

MEMNON Mar. 18. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW.—For freight and passage apply agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 18-3

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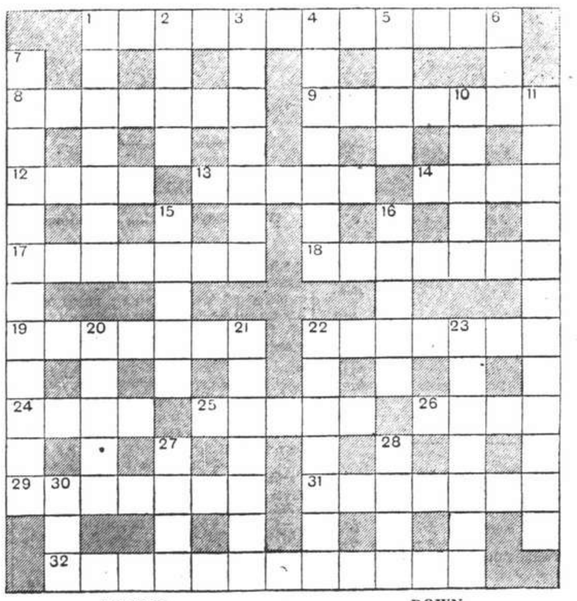

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C	IXION	Pacific Coast	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Hongkong
C	PHILOCTETES	Liverpool	Mar. 27	Mar. 28	Japan Ports
A	HECTOR	Liverpool	Mar. 31	Apr. 1	Taku and Dairen
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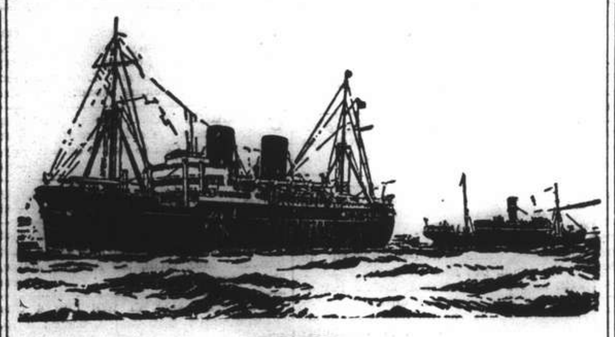

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Mar. 3	Mar. 6	Mar. 8	Aramis	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 14
Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Chenonceaux	Mar. 28	Mar. 30	Mar. 31
Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Maréchal Joffre	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 11
Apr. 14	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Jean Laborde	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	Apr. 25
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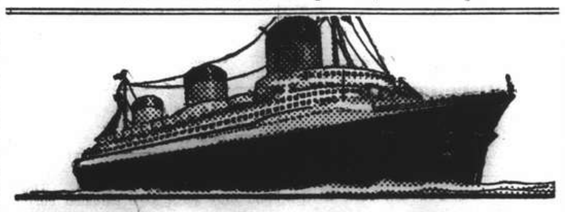

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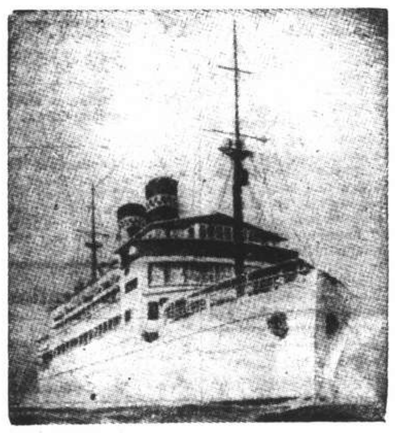

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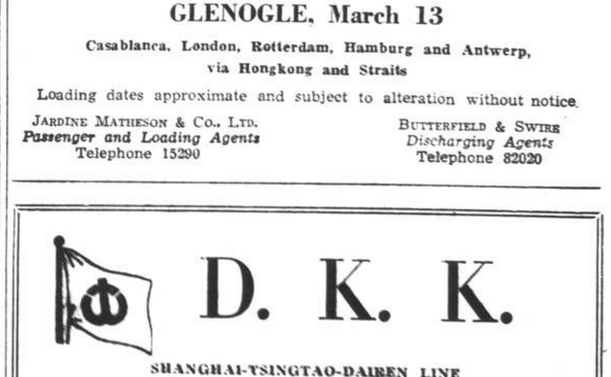

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ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Mar. 17	Mar. 18 at 11 a.m.
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Annual Meeting of British Women's Association

Activities Return to Normal; British Women And European Crisis; Social Service Work

ANOTHER busy year of activity largely based on the process of returning to normal after the excitement of 1937 was reported by Mrs. J. T. W. Brooke, Acting Chairman, presiding at the annual general meeting of the British Women's Association held at headquarters yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Brooke described the Association's activities during the past year and ended on an optimistic note. She declared that the present year was not very promising but Shanghai has shown such marvellous powers of recovery that, with its usual capacity for overcoming difficulties, the B.W.A. will keep the flag flying and the prestige of British women in Shanghai will be maintained as high as ever.

In her speech, Mrs. Brooke said:—The past year has not been one of excitement like 1937, for which we are all very thankful. The first half of the year was spent in more or less getting back to normal. There was a shortage of workers and this is shown by the fact that for the first time in six years there was no voting at the annual meeting. Gradually, however, it was noticed that members were returning and by the opening of the Autumn session practically all the Association's various activities had been resumed.

At the end of September, the European crisis caused considerable anxiety and your Chairman, Mrs. Hardman took in hand a system of registration of all members of the Association under classified headings. She called upon every one to enroll and began the compiling of a record with full details of each Volunteer's qualifications. Fortunately, through the fine efforts of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the terrible catastrophe of war was averted, and so great was our relief and gratitude for his efforts on behalf of peace that your Committee sent him the following telegram: "British Women's Association, Shanghai. Knowing some of the horrors of War tender our heartfelt gratitude for your untiring efforts in maintaining peace."

And we received the following in reply: "Please accept my very warm thanks for your kind message. During these difficult times through which we have been passing the expression of sympathy and goodwill which I have received from all quarters have been a source of great strength to me."

On March 19, a little ceremony took place at Headquarters in which I am sure you were all very interested. I refer to the unveiling of the bronze tablet at Headquarters by Lady Mossop in memory of Mrs. Ford. Mary St. Clair Ford had been our Chairman and leader on five different occasions and we felt that a small part of the money sent in memory of her should be used to place this memorial in our rooms. The remainder has been handed to the Social Service Board to be used as a bursary for a school child chosen by the Board. The following day we held a farewell tea in honour of Mrs. Whitney who was going on a well earned furlough, and were indeed glad of this opportunity to wish her bon voyage and thank her for all her hard work. During the summer, we were very proud to hear of the honour which has been bestowed on her by His Majesty the King. I say proud, not that we had done anything to justify pride, but we felt we could bask in her glory because she had been our Chairman and a member of our organization.

In November a reception was held in honour of the wife of our new Ambassador to China, Lady Clark Kerr. We would have liked to meet her earlier, but for various reasons this was not possible. I think we can claim a record attendance for this occasion. The rooms were very tastefully decorated by the gardening the entertainment committee, and a delightful programme of music by section, an excellent tea arranged by the musical and dramatic section all contributed to make the afternoon the success it was.

British Residents Association

As you probably know, the Association is represented on the General Committee of the British Residents Association. I would like here to exort all members to join, and to get their husbands to do so. I have served on the Committee since the departure of Mrs. Hardman and can vouch for the excellent work they are doing. Much of this is confidential and does not reach the newspapers, but you should realise that they are keeping the interests of British trade and prestige before Parliament. Such things as telegrams, correspondence, and the upkeep of a staff both here and at home, requires a certain amount of expenditure. Your subscription which is only three dollars per year will be very useful. To facilitate this payment arrangements have been made so that you can pay it at the B.W.A. and get a receipt.

As in former years we have sent our full quota of representatives to the Joint Committee of Women's Organizations, thus keeping in touch with fifteen Organizations and as many nationalities. Your representatives this year have been Mrs. Hardman, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Marden, Mrs. Rogerson, Mrs. Colter, and latterly myself. The Club Institute last spring dealt with the very interesting subject of mental hygiene and served to stress the need of more facilities for mental work in this city. Since the summer, they have taken up with great vigour the question of beggars on the streets in Shanghai and have now in hand "a Clean the City Campaign" with the emphasis on "Anti-Spitting." I would recommend to all of you their annual metting next June. Their report is an eye-opener as to what women can do when they start.

Financial Report

The financial statement which you have all seen in the last Magazine has been prepared by Mrs. W. C. Scott, who very ably took over from Mrs. Phillips last year. We are grateful to her for the many hours of work that she has put in on our behalf, and would ask you to remember that the question of finance was one of difficulty during 1938 and will continue to be, with China in such an unsettled state. She will give you her report later and I am sure that you will agree that her careful management has gone a long way towards keeping us solvent.

Mrs. Giles will give you a report of the Social Service Board but I would like to refer to the Board here, because I think it has been the outstanding work of the Association during the past year. The hostilities of 1937 and its trail of hardship has increased the work beyond all bounds. I will just give you a few figures.

In 1932 the Board spent	$ 3,815.31
In 1934 it had risen to	13,423.44
And last year 1938 to	29,232.05

But it is not so much the amount spent, that I would emphasize, but the work that the spending of this amount entails. The extra investigations and arrangements involved has been considerable. The existence of the Board has been of increased assistance to the British authorities in Shanghai during the past two years and many and varied have been the problems that they have been called upon to solve. The generosity of the Committee of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China or the Lord Mayor's Fund as it is sometimes called, and its trust in the integrity of the Board has resulted in the large sum that has passed through their hands this year. I would warn everyone, however, that this fund will only be available for a limited period and beg of you to support our own annual appeal which will always be one of the Board's main sources of support. As many of you know the Lord Mayor's Fund also sent out a large number of bales of clothing and hospital supplies, about 270 of them. These were sent for the Chinese and other unfortunate people who had lost nearly everything they possessed during the hostilities. The B.W.A. undertook the task of unpacking, sorting and distributing these things to the Salvation Army, the King's Daughters' Society most of the hospital and refugee camps, and other organizations in Shanghai. Some were sent up country to Hangchow and so on, when occasion offered We would like to tender our grateful thanks to Messrs. Fulford & Co., and especially to Mr. W. S. Wolfe for putting a room at our disposal for this work, and for the help we received from their staff both Chinese and Foreign.

Membership Roll

As our membership is the most important part of our organization I would like to stress it here. We must keep up our membership, not only because our subscriptions are our chief source of revenue, but because the larger our membership list the more important we are as an organization. Towards the end of 1936 a membership sub-committee was formed first under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Ivon Clark and afterwards under Mrs. W. B. Rigden; it was certainly a wise move. They have accomplished great things during the past two years and I am sure that in time to come we shall consider them the backbone of the Association. I urge you all if they ask for your help at any time to give it, for theirs is not always an easy task.

Before dealing with the reports of the sections I should like to record our sincere thanks to Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews for once again auditing our accounts. To the Stewards of the Race Club for their continued generosity and to the press for their help in giving publicity to all our activities.

Executive Committee

Mrs. Brooke then gave a brief resume of the work of the various sections, touching specially on the Execution Committee, about whose activities she said: The Executive Committee have met at fortnightly intervals during the past year. As I have already told you they were unfortunate in losing their chairman Mrs. Hardman early in the Autumn. Mrs. G. D. Nicholl left before the new year on an unexpected trip home. Mrs. W. C. Cassels, Mrs. H. R. O. Edmonds and Mrs. E. J. Ottewell left a few weeks ago on furlough and we thank them for their help and wish them a happy holiday. Mrs. Cheetham, Mrs. Duncan Main, Mrs. Shotter and Mrs. Boyd four very useful members have unfortunately decided not to stand again this year and we shall miss them. I am myself leaving for home shortly and would like here to thank all the members of the Committee for their loyal support during a very trying year. A year full of changes and surprises. My thanks are also due to our hard working Secretary, Mrs. Colter. Only those of us who come here day after day know how many and varied are her tasks and how cheerfully she gets through them. Personally, I owe her a debt of gratitude for the way in which she has steered an inexperienced Chairman through difficult waters. I take this opportunity of wishing the Association every success during what does not, perhaps, give promise of being a very prosperous year, but Shanghai has shown a marvellous power of recovery during 1938 and I am sure with its usual capacity for overcoming difficulties, the Association will keep the flag flying and the prestige of British women in this city as high as ever.

Social Service Board

Presenting the Social Service Board report, Mrs. Giles said: The Sino-Japanese war, bringing with it such over-whelming misery and distress, has caused a fundamental change in the administration of charitable work. So far as the B.W.A. was concerned, it began with what practically amounted to an amalgamation of the Executive and the Social Service Board, as there were too few members in Shanghai to run either committee alone. We held our first meeting after the outbreak of war on September 8, 1937 in a private house. Mrs. Whitney suggested that an amalgamation of the charitable societies was needed to prevent wastage of funds, and dissipation of energy. It was found that some people were on the books of various societies, and were receiving help from all, owing to a lack of co-ordination. We held one very successful meeting at Mrs. Hardman's house on September 29, when representatives from various societies attended. It was a good beginning to the work which Dean Trivett took over and enlarged, so that now the Associated Foreign Charities Committee of Shanghai includes practically all charitable groups of all nations and of all religions in Shanghai. It is doing a most useful and interesting work.

The Social Service Board has always investigated cases, and administered funds on benalf of national and other societies, but we have more frequent calls for such help than ever nowadays, and we are proud to be asked and to be able to respond. Our own funds are not concerned in such cases. It merely means more work for those committee members who investigate and administer.

Our statement of accounts shows what work is done and how it is financed, but you will want a fuller story than is given by the figures. Jumble sales is the first item on receipts, and they realized $1,368.72. That is a large sum in these hard days. It represents much kindness from the donors, for a lot of good things are given to us, much work on the part of members, who sort the things as they come in, and very hard work for those who organize and assist at the actual Jumble Sale. We owe these members our warmest thanks.

In previous years the Chamber of Commerce maintained a fund to deal with winter distress, and made the Board a monthly donation. This winter the Chamber of Commerce decided to keep their money to repatriate people when need arose. They were able to make this decision because the British Fund for the relief of distress in China had come into being and was helping generously in the matter of relief work, but this money is not available for repatriation expenses. It is this fund that has enabled us this winter to meet the heavy calls for money and what money buys. It is our mainstay. At this point, I may tell you that our expenditure in 1938 was 2½ times the expenditure in 1937 and more than seven times as much as it was in 1932.

Our own annual appeal which runs from November 1, 1937 to October 31, 1938, brought in $1,682 and we had a very welcome gift from the Union Church Women's Guild, who sent us $600, which was the result of their own hard work. The Customs Club had no Christmas Tree this year, but gave the money to children's charities, so again we benefitted. Mrs. C. J. Chancellor put on the very successful "Beggar's Opera," and we were fortunate in being given a share and the Board received $3,528.90.

The Expense Side

The other account sheet gives you a picture of the work done. A heavy charge is for rents. Some rents have gone up 50 per cent. and a point is being reached where the cheapest accommodation is too dear, yet there is nowhere else to go. As yet there are no camps for the foreign poor of Shanghai. Board and lodging is a heavy item because it so largely represents the maintenance of various old ladies, who have no home ties, and have become pensioners of the B.W.A. To three pensioner families the war has actually brought happiness, for the husbands have succeeded in finding good jobs, and two others have been given a home by a friend in another country. This meant a great relief to our funds.

Food is the next biggest item. There are so many families that are under-nourished, a term meaning that they are starving slowly. The results of under-feeding show both in school reports and in hospital and medical expenses. We do our best to ensure that there are adequate funds available to mothers to provide good food for their children. School fees, of course, bulk large in the Board's budget, for very little free education is available in Shanghai. It a child has a roof over his head, adequate food and a good education, he can face the future of self-maintenance with a fair degree of confidence. The Board also helps by paying the fees for specialized training of various sorts.

The New Committee

The following are members of the Committee elected for the year:

Mesdames: Adam Black. T. W. Chandler, F. W. Crowther, G. F. Dumbarton, P. D. G. Gain, L. Giles, L. C. Healey, C. Ivery, W. Lyle, G. E. Marden, D. W. Mortlock, J. H. Potter, S. C. Radford, W. C. Scott, R. E. Toeg, W. H. Way, G. S. Weigall, and Mrs. J. S. Whitney, M.B.E.

Inland Navigation Co. Inadequate

Vessels Unable to Cope With Demand; Foodstuffs Brought to Shanghai

Flat-bottomed river boats and junks of the Shanghai Inland River Shipping Company, which ply the labyrinthian waterways of the Yangtze Delta, are responsible for the speedy return of prosperity to the numerous hamlets and villages which dot the fertile regions of the seaboard, the "Tairiku Shimpo" said in a featured article.

The network of the inland river transportation company's routes has spread over the lower Yangtze, except in the regions around Taihu Lake, south of Kiangyin, the paper stated.

Four waterways comprise the main inland routes of the shipping company. The route linking Shanghai with Soochow, Wusih, and Changchow offers five services a month, while boats operate daily between Hangchow and Tangsi; Tsingfu and Chukiakio; with Shanghai having daily service to Taisang and Minghang, according to the Japanese journal. Boats travel between Shanghai and Pinghu five times each month.

Lighters Towed

Transporting an aggregrate total of 3,500 tons on one voyage, a tug boat operating between Shanghai and Changchow tows from 80 to 100 lighters, each loaded with about 40 tons of cargo, the daily said.

Unable to satisfy the demand, urgent requests have been made to the transportation company to increase the number of bottoms.

Exports of local products to Shanghai have steadily increased since the "Reformed Government" abolished the Temporary Transit Tax on February 1, the "Tairiku Shimpo" continued, while the Interport Tax, which has been enforced since March 1, has not affected the inland shipping as rice, wheat, and other cereals are not included in the tax.

Flour, rice, wheat, and beans form the major items of export from inland points, while materials for industry and building, including wood and coal, top the import list, followed by sugar and fresh fish, the Japanese daily reported.

Positions Vacant

Do not enclose original testimonials when replying to advertisements. Copies answer the same purpose.

WANTED, telephone girl, with knowledge of typing. Address Box 1690, NCDN. 11333

OFFICE girls wanted, 18-25, must speak Japanese, English and Shanghai dialect. Write full particulars and salary expected to 139 Sassoon House. -2846

$30—$50 daily earning. Compradore and salesmen with good references and connections with local shops wanted by novel enterprise. Please write to Box 1626, NCDN. -2715

COMPETITION for the high salaried posts is very small indeed. You can qualify locally for a British Degree in Accountancy or Secretaryship. British School of Accountancy, 264 Kiangse Road, Telephone 14967. J. Webster Watts (Chartered Accountant) Principal. -2152

WANTED foreign lady, shop assistant, with knowledge of typing. Address Box 1617, NCDN. -2699

LARGE export firm has opening for a lady assistant, experienced in supervision and inspection of exports of underwear, needlework, etc., to U.S.A., etc. Must be conversant with sizes, styles, etc. Replies giving full details of previous experience and stating salary expected to Box 1661, NCDN. -2791

WANTED, Chinese salesmen for building material suppliers and lumber. Salary and commission. Reasonable guarantee required. Address Box 1567, NCDN. -2627

WANTED, foreign salesman having ability to secure orders in tailoring business. Please address Box 1647, NCDN. -2756

WANTED experienced foreigner, capable of managing shipping department. State nationality, age, experience and salary required. Address Box 1656, NCDN. -2780

BRITISH firm require competent steno-typist, correct knowledge English. Apply only in own handwriting stating nationality, personal particulars, previous experience, salary expected. No beginners considered. Address Box 1649, NCDN. 11319

EXPERIENCED mechanics, locksmiths required by metal manufacturing firm. Apply with full particulars to Box 1574, NCDN. -2634

Positions Wanted

Advertisements under this heading only are accepted at the rate of four dollar cents per word per insertion, with a minimum charge of $0.65.

YOUNG German lady seeks employment as companion, good knowledge of English language. Address Box 1687, NCDN. -2647

YOUNG German lady, correspondent, experienced in trade with animal produces (hairs, etc.) seeks employment in office. Address Box 1688, NCDN. -2847

YOUNG lady, qualified journalist, secretary-stenographer. Telephone 38197, Room 8, (mornings), evenings 7 p.m. Box 1366, NCDN. -2636

YOUNG foreigner, male, speaking English, German, some French, Spanish, typist, English shorthand, seeks position. Address Box 1677, NCDN. -2825

HELP! University hard-up student, Chinese, seeks office position. Small salary accepted. Address Box 1671, NCDN. -2809

EXPERIENCED young lady-manicurist, desires position in first-class beauty salon. Address Box 1673, NCDN. -2813

AMERICAN desires position as mechanic with any company. Address Box 1616, NCDN. -2698

CHINESE, speaking and writing English, French and German, good accountant, seeks position. Box 1507, NCDN. -2540

GERMAN, commercial designer for advertisement, illustration and every kind of designing. Please write, Max Heimann, Hongkew, 9 Monkhams Terrace, Room 4. -2758

YOUNG man, commercial university graduate, seeks position in any capacity, in export/import, shipping, banking or in any other reliable firm. Salary no consideration. Box 1646, NCDN. -2751

EXPERIENCED foreign male stenographer-secretary, expert, desires position. Hardworking and faithful. Salary $200. Box 1652, NCDN. -2771

CHINESE youth, Lester Institute graduate, with some practical experience, seeks position as junior civil engineer. Start at nominal salary. Address Box 1499, NCDN. -2516

LADY-translator, French, English, German, Russian, experienced stenographer, seeks position. Reply Box 1551, NCDN. -2598

STENOTYPISTIN, arisch, fuer deutsch und englisch, sucht Stellung, eventl. auch outport. Zuschriften erbeten unter Box 1644, NCDN. -2748

RADIO mechanic, service man, open for engagement. 730 Avenue Joffre. -2721

YOUNG bookkeeper and accountant, with several years' experience also in auditing and good knowledge of all office work, seeks part or full-time job. Good reference if required. Please communicate to Box 1621, NCDN. -2704

Educational

INDIVIDUAL or class lessons by British lady in Commercial English. Shorthand, etc., day or evening. Apply 10-noon, 375 Cardinal Mercier. -2651

WANTED, Spanish teacher for four children, twice a week. Address Box 1679, NCDN. -2829

ENGLISH lessons wanted by German. Only qualified teachers need apply. Box 1665, NCDN. 11317

PIANO lessons. Chord system. Easy method for adults. A1 references. $15 monthly. Twice weekly. Telephone 74393. -2687

ENGLISH and conversation lessons given by foreigner privately/class, speaking French, Spanish, Chinese. Private. Conversational School, 1074 Bubbling Well Road, Flat 2. -2709

JAPANESE class lesson. Twice a week, Monday and Thursday, 8-9 p.m., $10 per month. Corner of Avenue Foch and Cardinal Mercier. Address Box 1534, NCDN. -2569

FIGUEIREDO'S School. Pitman/Gregg Shorthand, Typewriting, English. Crystal-clear explanations. 54 Garden Apartments, 1173/11 Bubbling Well. 11168

Business Opportunities

EUROPEAN, first-class reference, would invest some capital sound business as active or silent partner First instalment $500. Details and guarantee necessary. Box 1674, NCDN. -2817

LONG-established garage, seeks partner with capital to take over car agencies already well-known on the market. Box 1675, NCDN. -2819

BAR-restaurant for sale. Having British and American clientele. $9,000 only. Box 1630, NCDN. -2720

FOREIGN firm, well-established in Shanghai, but new in China exports, with offices in California, invites manufacturers and exporters desiring representation or seeking an outlet for their commodities in America, to communicate with Box 1519, NCDN. Banking references and limited financing available. -2544

CHINESE gentleman wants to cooperate with American in managing a profitable publishing company. Box 1666, NCDN. -2804

A1 Manchester house seeks connection with A1 local exporters in wood-oil, cotton-waste. Please address Box 1641, NCDN. -2740

RADIO store requires a partner with capital, $1,500-$2,000. 730 Avenue Joffre. -2721

Wanted to Purchase

PIANO wanted, will pay best price. Please apply Telephone 73606. -2654

USED radio-phonograph with automatic records changer. Give complete details including make, model and cash price. Box 1680, NCDN. -2930

SEWING machine, in good condition, required. Replies stating particulars to Box 1684, NCDN. 11326

BOILER, double flue, Lancashire type, required. Must be in good condition. Working pressure 100 lb. Heating surface about 1,000 sq. feet. Address Box 1614, NCDN. 11292

WANTED Acme Code, second-hand, good condition. State price. Address Box 1529, NCDN. -2446

WANTED second-hand or new machines and wire for nail manufacturing. The New Continental Trading Co., Ltd., The Industrial Bank of China Building, 14 Museum Road. -2801

WILL buy second-hand ping-pong table. State minimum price. Address Box 1668, NCDN. -2805

WE buy second-hand refrigerators. Levy, Venus Cafe, 41 Route Montmorend. -2613

Lost

LOST, Chinese Custom's pass-book No. 33 issued to Messrs. Henningsen Produce Co., for import and re-export of containers. The said pass-book is now declared null and void. 11339

LOST, Godown Warrant No. 128 issued to Messrs. Chien Shun, covering 110 cases of dried lungan (102 cases already delivered), marked "Ting Kong" (鼎廣) and stored in godown, marked T interlocked with S, of the China Navigation Co.'s Pootung Wharf ex ss. Ninghai, arrived on November 13, 1938. The godown has been notified and warrant declared null and void. Kien Sung Sugar Co. (建順). -2676

LOST, Bill of Lading No. 10 issued by Nippon Yusen Kaisha, covering 3,500 bags wheat bran large quantity, dated 20 February, 1939, marked A in diamond, shipped per Myoken Maru, from Shanghai to Yokohama, Japan. Hereby declared null and void. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. 11321

Radios

FOR SALE, 10-tube Zenith; 8-tube Ultramar 6V-battery; 8-tube RCA, all-wave sets; 10-tube RCA radiogramophone; 8-tube Lazy Boy broadcast. Telephone 75897. -2665

FIERCE Radio Service. The oldest and most reliable establishment in town. 1199A Rue Lafayette, Telephone 73711. -2495

AUTHORISED RCA-Victor Radio Sales and Service. Radio Corporation of Asia, 361-3 Foch. Telephones 86964, 82304. -2342

RADIO with gramophone, large gramophone, really beautiful, for sale. 7 Columbia Road. -2753

Miscellaneous

WANTED to hire, a small-sized electric refrigerator. Reply Watt, 33/1025 Bubbling Well. -2934

$2.60 monthly you can read British and American magazines latest issues delivered to home or office twice or three times weekly. Telephone 14189 for list. Home Magazine Library, 267 Kiangse Road. 11192

CARPETS cleaned thoroughly by steam and chemicals. Rugs dyed, repaired and stored. Esso Co., Telephone 12170. -2655

Dancing

MISS Lilian Grey, qualified instructress in ballroom dances, gives private lessons at Waldemar's Dancing Academy, 1272 Avenue Joffre. -2798

LAMBETH walk, foxtrot, waltz and tango, taught by an experienced lady, 1191 Bubbling Well, corner Seymour Road, Apartment 1A. -2413

Animals

FOR SALE. One Pointer bitch, 11 months. Three Japanese spaniel puppies, female, 8 weeks. One cocker spaniel bitch. One fox terrier, male, 4 months. Three springer spaniel puppies, 6 weeks; others for good home. Blue Cross Dog Hospital, Telephone 21193. -2644

WANTED to buy, pointer, one/two years old, trained, white with spots. Apply to Mr. Kwok, Telephone 97070. -2840

IF your pony should die would you be compensated? For pony insurance apply to Hugh Middleton & Co. 45 Kiukiang Road. 11212

LOST from 109 Amherst Avenue, Tuesday afternoon. White poodle with one black ear. Reward. Telephone 21789. -2766

LOST, white Tibetan poodle, vicinity Hart/Bubbling Well Roads, answers to Dopey. Any information, please telephone 32354. -2752

For Sale—Miscellaneous

X-STITCH 54-in. tea-sets, $2.25; towels, 25 cents; laundry bags, $1.80; lace runners, $1.10; woollen gloves, $1; crochet gloves, 85 cents. Lace & Linen Syndicate, 114 Peking Road. 11334

CLEARANCE sale. Capes, fur-coats, fur jackets. Absolute bargains. Far Eastern Credit Co., 46 Route de Grouchy, Telephone 73740. -2814

PRIVATE rickshaw for sale. Apply 181 Route Remi. -2811

GERMAN and American flower and vegetable seeds, over 150 kinds, just arrived. Max Grill, 996 Avenue Joffre, Telephone 74679. -2701

PROVISION sale. $1 will buy 4 tins salmon; 5 tins Italian paste; 2 lb. salami sausage; 1 lb. American bacon; 5 tins milk; 4 tins sardines. We deliver. Zimmerman, 215 Szechuen Road, Telephone 13233. -2619

TRY American beer at greatly reduced prices, Pabst, Schlitz, Budweiser, 24 tins or 24 bottles per carton c.o.d. $10. From March 15, price will be $12. 97 Yuen Ming Yuen, Room 105, Telephone 15584, 9-12 and 2-5 p.m. -2675

ITALIAN mandolin for sale. Many music books. 232 Route Vallon. -2712

TOWELS. Ship and Machine brands. Face towels, bath towels, bath sheets, bath mats and towelling, etc. First-grade quality at moderate prices. Manufactured by The Tuck Chong Weaving Factory (Established 1915) Office 10 Wongkashaw Gardens. (Avenue Road, Carter Road east). Telephone 37024. -2494

NICK'S second-hand furniture store. Buying and selling new and second-hand furniture, household effects, etc. 146A Route des Sœurs, Telephone 73937 -2573

SHIRTS and pyjamas made to measure. Genuine silk and English materials, from $6.50. Razon's, Central Road. 11138

STOCK of English cine-cameras, size 9.5 mm., for sale at sacrifice prices. Address Box 1619, NCDN. -2701

FOR SALE, dress suit, 5 ft. 7 inches, 38 inch chest. Address Box 1620, NCDN. -2709

Motor Cars and Cycles

FOR SALE, coupe in A1 condition. Address Box 1691, NCDN. -2653

SERVICE your car for $3 a month, with Shanghai Motors, 425 Rue Ratard, Telephone 73135. Second-hand cars, bought, sold and repaired at reasonable rates. -2656

1934 Studebaker coupe, 6 cylinders, for sale. In excellent condition, mileage only 18,000. Address Box 1695, NCDN. -2637

WANTED, 1935 Baby-Ford. Address particulars and price to M.S.B., 232 Hamilton House, or telephone 19999 during office hours. -2652

WANTED for cash, one coupe or roadster in good mechanical condition, not later than 1932. Address Box 1685, NCDN. -2642

WANTED coupe or roadster. Reply giving make, year, model, condition and price required to Box 1623, NCDN. 11293

STUDEBAKER 1934 for cash, in perfect running order, $3,000 or nearest offer. Telephone 30087 between 12 and 2 p.m. -2706

FOR CASH sale, 1934 Ford sedan. First-class condition. Owner leaving. Address Box 1664, NCDN. 11318

WHIPPET sedan, 1931, four-cylinders, very economical, recently overhauled, new duco, licensed, in perfect condition. $1,350. Telephone 18321. 11310

WE offer cash for used cars and trucks. Apply Jenny's Motors, 177 Amiral Courbet. Telephone 73165. -758

Personal

MIDDLE-aged gentleman would appreciate the acquaintance of a really nice lady. Please reply Box 1643, NCDN. -2747

Chinese Servants

BRITON highly recommends cook-boy, honest, clean, economical. Telephone 50699. -2839

CAN recommend good cook-boy, free April 1. Very clean, honest and conscientious. Telephone 74214, tiffin time. -2779

CAN strongly recommend first-class No. 1 house-boy now available. Address Box 1520, NCDN. -2310

73148 CENTRAL Employment Agency (British). The one and only with 3,000 satisfied customers. Cooks, boys, amahs, chauffeurs, watchmen -2482

EXCELLENT cook-boy, highly recommended. Honest, clean, trustworthy. Telephone 22018, 12-2 p.m. -2575

72782 GENERAL Employment Agency! Reliable cooks, boys, amahs, chauffeurs. Foreign management. Quick service. 1272 Avenue Joffre. -2797

COOK-boy, well-recommended by foreign employers, wants position, now available because former employer leaving Shanghai. Wife, if required, will act as sew-amah. Address Box 1655, NCDN. -2778

FIRST-class cook-boy, and wash or coolie-amah, seeks position. Well-trained in British family, satisfaction guaranteed, possesses A1 references. Address Box 1659, NCDN. -2787

COOK-boy requires employment. Inquire Gerardo, Route Vallon 321, House 2, Telephone 70251, from 11 to 12. -2711

MRS. LUTEY recommends her cook-boy and coolie available March 12. Hard-working, honest, efficient. 285 Jernigan Road, Telephone 29518. 11304

Beauty Culture, etc.

Advertisements under this heading are carefully scrutinized before acceptance, and though no guarantee can be given readers may be reasonably assured of their bona fides.

LADY gives general massage, manicure 10-7 p.m. 205 Peking Road, Apartment 30, Second Floor. 11139

1205 BUBBLING WELL Road, Apartment 15. Massage. -2292

LADY gives general massage, 10-7 p.m., 153 Nanking Road, Flat A2, fourth floor, Room 401. Telephone 12160. -2690

Furnished Apartments

ONE-roomed flat, kitchen, bathroom, frigidaire, steamheated, to let. Complete furnishing, cutlery, kitchen equipment to be taken over. Address Box 1692, NCDN. -2853

FOR RENT, four-roomed apartment, central district, fully-furnished, available April 1. Address Box 1693, NCDN. 11337

TO LET, two-roomed, modern, steam-heated, fully-furnished apartment. Verandah, bathroom, kitchen. Taxes, hot water, linen, china, crockery, cutlery, etc. Tifeng Road. Immediate occupation could be arranged. $160. Telephone 20666. 11298

NICELY furnished three-roomed apartment to let, in modern building. Facing south, garden. Furniture and fittings including carpets, radio, etc. $3,600. Address Box 1681, NCDN. -2831

BEAUTIFULLY furnished three-roomed flat to let in modern apartment building, vicinity Haig/Great Western Road. Large garden, quiet. Furniture and fittings to be taken over. Rent reasonable. Telephone 22899. -2932

GOOD apartment, two big rooms, near Bund; smart blackwood furniture for office and living-room, $1,500. Address Box 1642, NCDN. -2744

TO LET, three-roomed apartment. Rent $152 including frigidaire. Furniture to be taken, $2,500. Agency Korlin, Telephone 78499. -2802

TO LET, one-roomed flat with kitchen, bath, French Concession; furniture for $1,000 to be taken over. Please address Box 1660, NCDN. -2790

TO LET, rooms, flats, apartment, houses, shops, furnished/unfurnished. Available immediately. 1272 Avenue Joffre, Commission Agency. -2795

Unfurnished Apartments

TO LET, May 1, Tifeng Road, two/four rooms, unfurnished/furnished, kitchen, bath and servants room, hot/cold water. Address Box 1682, NCDN. -2835

TO LET, western district. Three-roomed self-contained apartment, all modern conveniences. Reasonable rental includes rates, taxes, water, heat, use of large garden, garage if desired. Fully-screened for summer. All rooms south facing. No furniture or fittings to be taken over, or key money required. Immediate occupation, Box 1632, NCDN. -2724

Furnished Houses

TO LET in Tunsin Road, from May 1 for about six months, a well-furnished house, facing south, fully-screened, 6½ rooms, three bathrooms, three large attic-rooms, garden, garage, radio, refrigerator. Please address Box 1694, NCDN. 11336

TO LET, a nice big house with garden, near Avenue Haig. Rent $125. Furniture and fittings to be taken over. Telephone 22047. -2746

TO LET, seven-roomed, modern, well-furnished house, from May 1 to October 31, three bathrooms, garage, etc., big garden, Great Western Road. Address Box 1432, NCDN. 11178

TO LET, residence, eight rooms, big garden, garage. Rent $350. Furniture cost $2,500. Agency Korlin, Telephone 78499. -2802

Wanted to Rent

ENGLISH working girl, aged 19, requires furnished room with board, in private family, from April 3. Address Box 1686, NCDN. -2843

WANTED by responsible party (bachelor), April 1, room, furnished/unfurnished, all modern conveniences, in central district, preferably English home. Address Box 1678, NCDN. -2625

WANTED from March 16 to April 6, one very large, furnished room with bath, in vicinity of the Bund. Address Box 1683, NCDN. -2811

WANTED, from April 1, by responsible foreign couple, modern three/four-roomed apartment, unfurnished, western district, balcony, one/two bathrooms, conveniences. Address Box 1631, NCDN. -2722

WANTED, well-furnished, modern apartment of two, three or four rooms, in modern building, in good location, in French Concession or western district. Particulars to Box 1667, NCDN. 11316

TWO-roomed apartment, modern conveniences, central district, furnished, unfurnished, or double room. Address Post Office Box 1573. -2788

WANTED, unfurnished house on Hungjao Road or other locality outside perimeter. Telephone 22277. Box 1663, NCDN. -2764

WANTED furnished apartment/house. Willing to pay best price for furniture and key-money. Telephone 74850. -2363

ENGLISH couple (middle-aged) require two rooms, unfurnished, kitchen, bathroom or share house, separate bathroom, kitchen. Address Box 1479, NCDN. -2470

Houses and Land

FOR SALE, nice property, five foreign houses inside western district, best construction. Address Box 1637, NCDN. -2735

GREAT Western Road, vacant lot of three/nine mow, for sale. Situated on the south side of the road and about 300 feet west of Columbia Road. For particulars please address Box 1539, NCDN. -2578

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